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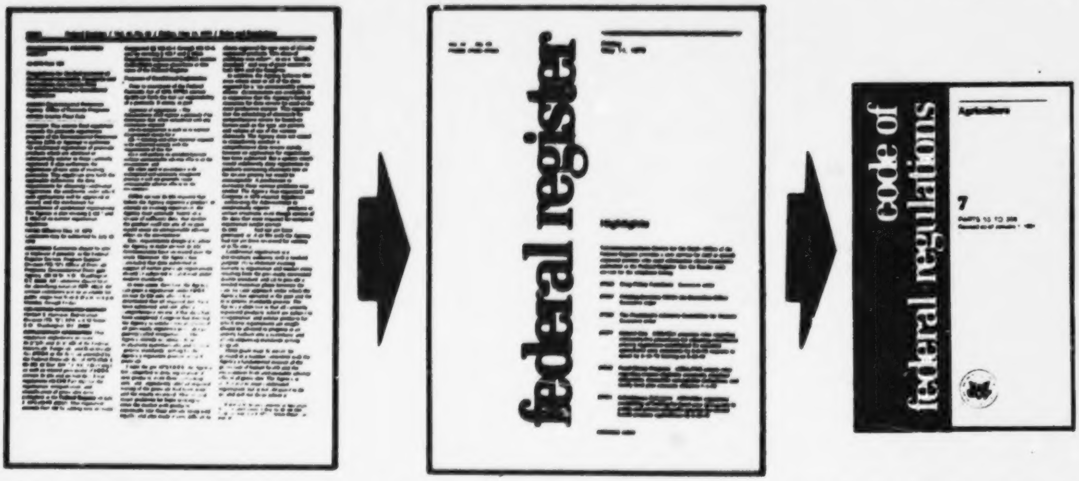

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CORPORATE DISTRIBUTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS

DISTRIBUTIONS BY CORPORATIONS

EFFECTS ON RECIPIENTS

§ 1.301-1 Rules applicable with respect to distributions of money and other property.

(a) *General.* Section 301 provides the general rule for treatment of distributions on or after June 22, 1954, of property by a corporation to a shareholder with respect to its stock. The term "property" is defined in section 317(a). Such distributions, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be treated as provided in section 301(c). Under section 301(c), distributions may be included in gross income, applied against and reduce the adjusted basis of the stock, treated as gain from the sale or exchange of property, or (in the case of certain distributions out of increase in value accrued before March 1, 1913) may be exempt from tax. The amount of the distributions to which section 301 applies is determined in accordance with the provisions of section 301(b). The basis of property received in a distribution to which section 301 applies is determined in accordance with the provisions of section 301(d). Accordingly, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a distribution on or after June 22, 1954, of property by a corporation to a shareholder with respect to its stock shall be included in gross income to the extent the amount distributed is considered a dividend under section 316. For examples of distributions treated otherwise, see sections 116, 301(c)(2), 301(c)(3)(B), 301(e), 302(b), 303, and 305. See also part II (relating to distributions in partial or complete liquidation), part III (relating to corporate organizations and reorganizations), and part IV (relating to insolvency reorganizations), subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code.

(b) *Time of inclusion in gross income and of determination of fair market value.* A distribution made by a corporation to its shareholders shall be included in the gross income of the distributees when the cash or other property is unqualifiedly made subject to their demands. However, if such distribution is a distribution other than in cash, the fair market value of the property shall be determined as of the date of distribution without regard to whether such date is the same as that on which the distribution is includible in gross income. For example, if a corporation distributes a taxable dividend in property (the adjusted basis of which exceeds its fair market value on December 31, 1955) on December 31, 1955, which is received by, or unqualifiedly made subject to the demand of, its shareholders on January 2, 1956, the amount to be included in the gross income of the shareholders will be the fair market value of such property on December 31, 1955, although such amount will not be includible in the gross income of the shareholders until January 2, 1956.

(c) *Application of section to shareholders.* Section 301 is not applicable to an amount paid by a corporation to a shareholder unless the amount is paid to the shareholder in his capacity as such.

(d) *Distributions to corporate shareholders.* (1) If the shareholder is a corporation, the amount of any distribution to be taken into account under section 301(c) shall be:

(i) The amount of money distributed,

(ii) An amount equal to the fair market value of any property distributed which consists of any obligations of the distributing corporation, stock of the distributing corporation treated as property under section 305(b), or rights to acquire such stock treated as property under section 305(b), plus

(iii) In the case of a distribution not described in subdivision (iv) of this subparagraph, an amount equal to (*a*) the fair market value of any other property distributed or, if lesser, (*b*) the adjusted basis of such other property in the hands of the distributing corporation (determined immediately before the distribution and increased for any gain recognized to the distributing corporation under section 311 (b), (c), or (d), or under section 341(f), 617(d), 1245(a), 1250(a), 1251(c), or 1252(a)), or

(iv) In the case of a distribution made after November 8, 1971, to a shareholder which is a foreign corporation, an amount equal to the fair market value of any other property distributed, but only if the distribution received by such shareholder is not effectively connected for the taxable year with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by such shareholder.

(2) In the case of a distribution the amount of which is determined by reference to the adjusted basis described in subparagraph (1)(iii)(*b*) of this paragraph:

(i) That portion of the distribution which is a dividend under section 301(c)(1) may not exceed such adjusted basis, or

(ii) If the distribution is not out of earnings and profits, the amount of the reduction in basis of the shareholder's stock, and the amount of any gain resulting from such distribution, are to be determined by reference to such adjusted basis of the property which is distributed.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (d)(1)(iii), if a distribution of property described in such paragraph is made after December 31, 1962, by a foreign corporation to a shareholder which is a corporation, the amount of the distribution to be taken into account under section 301(c) shall be determined under section 301(b)(1)(C) and paragraph (n) of this section.

(e) *Adjusted basis.* In determining the adjusted basis of property distributed in the hands of the distributing corporation immediately before the distribution for purposes of section 301(b)(1)(B)(ii), (b)(1)(C)(i), and (d)(2)(B), the basis to be used shall be the basis for determining gain upon a sale or exchange.

(f) *Examples.* The application of this section (except paragraph (n)) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). On January 1, 1955, A, an individual owned all of the stock of Corporation M with an adjusted basis of $2,000. During 1955, A received distributions from Corporation M totaling $30,000, consisting of $10,000 in cash and listed securities having a basis in the hands of Corporation M and a fair market value on the date distributed of $20,000. Corporation M's taxable year is the calendar year. As of December 31, 1954, Corporation M had earnings and profits accumulated after February 28, 1913, in the amount of $26,000, and it had no earnings and profits and no deficit for 1955. Of the $30,000 received by A, $26,000 will be treated as an ordinary dividend; the remaining $4,000 will be applied against the adjusted basis of his stock; the $2,000 in excess of the adjusted basis of his stock will either be treated as gain from the sale or exchange of property (under section 301(c)(3)(A)) or, if out of increase in value accrued before March 1, 1913, will (under section 301(c)(3)(B)) be exempt from tax. If A subsequently sells his stock in Corporation M, the basis for determining gain or loss on the sale will be zero.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in Example 1 with the exceptions that the shareholder of Corporation M is Corporation W and that the securities which were distributed had an adjusted basis to Corporation M of $15,000. The distribution received by Corporation W totals $25,000 consisting of $10,000 in cash and securities with an adjusted basis of $15,000. The total $25,000 will be treated as a dividend to Corporation W since the earnings and profits of Corporation M ($26,000) are in excess of the amount of the distribution.

Example (3). Corporation X owns timber land which it acquired prior to March 1, 1913, at a cost of $50,000 with $5,000 allocated as the separate cost of the land. On March 1, 1913, this property had a fair market value of $150,000 of which $135,000 was attributable to the timber and $15,000 to the land. All of the timber was cut prior to 1955 and the full appreciation in the value thereof, $90,000 ($135,000 − $45,000), realized through depletion allowances based on March 1, 1913, value. None of this surplus from realized appreciation had been distributed. In 1955, Corporation X sold the land for $20,000 thereby realizing a gain of $15,000. Of this gain, $10,000 is due to realized appreciation in value which accrued before March 1, 1913 ($15,000 − $5,000). Of the gain of $15,000, $5,000 is taxable. Therefore, at December 31, 1955, Corporation X had a surplus from realized appreciation in the amount of $100,000. It had no accumulated earnings and profits and no deficit at January 1, 1955. The net earnings for 1955 (including the $5,000 gain on the sale of the land) were $20,000. During 1955, Corporation X distributed $75,000 to its stockholders. Of this amount, $20,000 will be treated as a dividend. The remaining $55,000, which is a distribution of realized appreciation, will be applied against and reduce the adjusted basis of the shareholders' stock. If any part of the $55,000 is in excess of the adjusted basis of a shareholder's stock, such part will be exempt from tax.

(g) *Reduction for liabilities.* For the purpose of section 301(a), the amount of any distribution shall be reduced by—

(1) The amount of any liability of the corporation assumed by the shareholder in connection with the distribution, and

(2) The amount of any liability to which the property received by the shareholder is subject immediately before and immediately after the distribution.

Such reduction, however, shall not cause the amount of the distribution to be reduced below zero.

(h) *Basis.* The basis of property received in the distribution to which section 301 applies shall be—

(1) If the shareholder is not a corporation, the fair market value of such property;

(2) If the shareholder is a corporation—

(i) In the case of a distribution of the obligations of the distributing corporation or of the stock of such corporation or rights to acquire such stock (if such stock or rights are treated as property under section 305(b)), the fair market value of such obligations, stock, or rights;

(ii) In the case of the distribution of any other property, except as provided in subdivision (iii) (relating to certain distributions by a foreign corporation) or subdivision (iv) (relating to certain distributions to foreign corporate distributees) of this subparagraph, whichever of the following is the lesser—

(*a*) The fair market value of such property; or

(*b*) The adjusted basis (in the hands of the distributing corporation immediately before the distribution) of such property increased in the amount of gain to the distributing corporation which is recognized under section 311(b) (relating to distributions of LIFO inventory), section 311(c) (relating to distributions of property subject to liabilities in excess of basis), section 311(d) (relating to appreciated proterty used to redeem stock), section 341(f) (relating to certain sales of stock of consenting corporations), section 617(d) (relating to gain from dispositions of certain mining property), section 1245(a) or 1250(a) (relating to gain from dispositions of certain depreciable property), section 1251(c) (relating to gain from disposition of farm recapture property), or section 1252(a) (relating to gain from disposition of farm land);

(iii) In the case of the distribution by a foreign corporation of any other property after December 31, 1962, in a distribution not described in subdivision (iv) of this subparagraph, the amount determined under paragraph (n) of this section;

(iv) In the case of the distribution of any other property made after November 8, 1971, to a shareholder which is a foreign corporation, the fair market value of such property, but only if the distribution received by such shareholder is not effectively connected for the taxable year with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by such shareholder.

(i) [Reserved]

(j) *Transfers for less than fair market value.* If property is transferred by a corporation to a shareholder which is not a corporation for an amount less than its fair market value in a sale or exchange, such shareholder shall be treated as having received a distribution to which section 301 applies. In such case, the amount of the distribution shall be the difference between the amount paid for the property and its fair market value. If property is transferred in a sale or exchange by a corporation to a shareholder which is a corporation, for an amount less than its fair market value and also less than its adjusted basis, such shareholder shall be treated as having received a distribution to which section 301 applies, and—

(1) Where the fair market value of the property equals or exceeds its adjusted basis in the hands of the distributing corporation the amount of the distribution shall be the excess of the adjusted basis (increased by the amount of gain recognized under section 311 (b), (c), or (d), or under section 341(f), 617(d), 1245(a), 1250(a), 1251(c), or 1252(a) to the distributing corporation) over the amount paid for the property;

(2) Where the fair market value of the property is less than its adjusted basis in the hands of the distributing corporation, the amount of the distri-

bution shall be the excess of such fair market value over the amount paid for the property. If property is transferred in a sale or exchange after December 31, 1962, by a foreign corporation to a shareholder which is a corporation for an amount less than the amount which would have been computed under paragraph (n) of this section if such property had been received in a distribution to which section 301 applied, such shareholder shall be treated as having received a distribution to which section 301 applies, and the amount of the distribution shall be the excess of the amount which would have been computed under paragraph (n) of this section with respect to such property over the amount paid for the property. In all cases, the earnings and profits of the distributing corporation shall be decreased by the excess of the basis of the property in the hands of the distributing corporation over the amount received therefor. In computing gain or loss from the subsequent sale of such property, its basis shall be the amount paid for the property increased by the amount of the distribution.

If property is transferred in a sale or exchange after December 31, 1962, by a foreign corporation to a shareholder which is a corporation for an amount less than the amount which would have been computed under paragraph (n) of this section if such property had been received in a distribution to which section 301 applied, such shareholder shall be treated as having received a distribution to which section 301 applies, and the amount of the distribution shall be the excess of the amount which would have been computed under paragraph (n) of this section with respect to such property over the amount paid for the property. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this paragraph, if property is transferred in a sale or exchange after November 8, 1971, by a corporation to a shareholder which is a foreign corporation, for an amount less than its fair market value, and if paragraph (d)(1)(iv) of this section would apply if such property were received in a distribution to which section 301 applies, such shareholder shall be treated as having received a distribution to which section 301 applies and the amount of the distribution shall be the difference between the amount paid for the property and its fair market value. In all cases, the earnings and profits of the distributing corporation shall be decreased by the excess of the basis of the property in the hands of the distributing corporation over the amount received therefor. In computing gain or loss from the subsequent sale of such property, its basis shall be the amount paid for the property increased by the amount of the distribution.

(k) *Application of rule respecting transfers for less than fair market value.* The application of paragraph (j) of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). On January 1, 1955, A, an individual shareholder of corporation X, purchased property from that corporation for $20. The fair market value of such property was $100, and its basis in the hands of corporation X was $25. The amount of the distribution determined under section 301(b) is $80. If A were a corporation, the amount of the distribution would be $5 (assuming that sections 311 (b) and (c), 1245(a), and 1250(a) do not apply), the excess of the basis of the property in the hands of corporation X over the amount received therefor. The basis of such property to corporation A would be $25. If the basis of the property in the hands of corporation X were $10, the corporate shareholder, A, would not receive a distribution. The basis of such property to corporation A would be $20. Whether or not A is a corporation, the excess of the amount paid over the basis of the property in the hands of corporation X ($20 over $10) would be a taxable gain to corporation X.

Example (2). On January 1, 1963, corporation A, which is a shareholder of corporation B (a foreign corporation engaged in business within the United States), purchased one share of corporation X stock from B for $20. The fair market value of the share was $100, and its adjusted basis in the hands of B was $25. Assume that if the share of corporation X stock had been received by A in a distribution to which section 301 applied, the amount of the distribution under paragraph (n) of this section would have been $55. The amount of the distribution under section 301 is $35, i.e., $55 (amount computed under paragraph (n) of this section) minus $20 (amount paid for the property). The basis of such property to A is $55.

(l) *Transactions treated as distributions.* A distribution to shareholders with respect to their stock is within the terms of section 301 although it takes place at the same time as another transaction if the distribution is in substance a separate transaction whether or not connected in a formal sense. This is most likely to occur in the case of a recapitalization, a reincorporation, or a merger of a corporation with a newly organized corporation having substantially no property. For example, if a corporation having only common stock outstanding, exchanges one share of newly issued common stock and one bond in the principal amount of $10 for each share of outstanding common stock, the distribution of the bonds will be a distribution of property (to the extent of their fair market value) to which section 301 applies, even though the exchange of common stock for common stock may be pursuant to a plan of reorganization under the terms of section 368(a)(1)(E) (recapitalization) and even though the exchange of common stock for common stock may be tax free by virtue of section 354.

(m) *Cancellation of indebtedness.* The cancellation of indebtedness of a shareholder by a corporation shall be treated as a distribution of property.

(n) *Distributions of certain property by foreign corporations to corporate shareholders.* (1) If a foreign corporation distributes property (other than money, the obligations of the distributing corporation, stock of the distributing corporation treated as property under section 305(b), or rights to acquire such stock treated as property under section 305(b)) after December 31, 1962, to a shareholder which is a corporation in a distribution not described in paragraph (d)(1)(iv) of this section, then, except as provided in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph the fair market value of the property shall be taken into account under section 301(c).

(2) If any deduction is allowable to the recipient under section 245 with respect to a distribution of property described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph and if the fair market value of the property exceeds its adjusted basis in the hands of the distributing corporation (increased by any gain to the distributing corporation recognized under section 311 (b), (c), or (d), or under section 341(f), 617(d), 1245(a), 1250(a), 1251(c), or 1252(a)), then the amount taken into account under section 301(c) shall be determined under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph.

In order to determine such amount—

(i) First, compute the portion, if any, of the adjusted basis of the property (increased by any gain to the distributing corporation recognized under section 311 (b), (c), or (d), or under section 341(f), 617(d), 1245(a), 1250(a), 1251(c), or 1252(a)) which is out of earnings and profits of the taxable year (within the meaning of section 316(a)(2)).

(ii) Second, compute the portion, if any, of the adjusted basis of the property (increased by any gain to the distributing corporation recognized under section 311 (b), (c), or (d), or under section 341(f), 617(d), 1245(a), 1250(a), 1251(c), or 1252(a)) which is out of earnings and profits accumulated during the portion of the uninterrupted period described in section 245(a) which ends at the beginning of the taxable year.

(iii) Third, compute the portion, if any, of the adjusted basis of the property (increased by any gain to the distributing corporation recognized under section 311 (b), (c), or (d), or under section 341(f), 617(d), 1245(a), 1250(a), 1251(c), or 1252(a)) which is out of sources other than earnings and profits of the taxable year and earnings and profits accumulated during the uninterrupted period described in section 245(a).

(iv) Fourth, with respect to each of the portions computed under subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subparagraph, determine the proportionate part of the fair market value of the property attributable to such portion. The proportionate part of the fair market value attributable to each portion shall be such fair market value multiplied by the ratio which such portion bears to the sum of all portions.

(3) The amount taken into account under section 301(c) shall be the sum of—

(i) The portion computed under subparagraph (2) (i) of this paragraph, multiplied by the ratio which the gross income of the distributing corporation for the taxable year which is effectively connected for the taxable year with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by that corporation bears to its entire gross income for such taxable year,

(ii) The portion computed under subparagraph (2)(ii) of this paragraph, multiplied by the ratio which the gross income of the distributing corporation which is effectively connected, for the portion of the uninterrupted period described in section 245(a) which ends at the beginning of the taxable year, with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by that corporation bears to its entire gross income for such portion of such uninterrupted period,

(iii) The proportionate part of the fair market value of the property attributable to the portion of the adjusted basis computed under subparagraph (2)(i) of this paragraph, multiplied by the ratio which the gross income of the distributing corporation for the taxable year which is not effectively connected for the taxable year with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by that corporation bears to its entire gross income for such taxable year,

(iv) The proportionate part of the fair market value of the property attributable to the portion of the adjusted basis computed under subparagraph (2)(ii) of this paragraph, multiplied by the ratio which the gross income of the distributing corporation which is not effectively connected, for the portion of the uninterrupted period described in section 245(a) which ends at the beginning of the taxable year, with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by that corporation bears to its entire gross income for such portion of such uninterrupted period, and

(v) The proportionate part of the fair market value of the property attributable to the portion of the adjusted basis computed under subparagraph (2)(iii) of this paragraph.

For purposes of subdivisions (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph, the gross income of the distributing corporation for any period before its first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1966, which is from sources within the United States shall be treated as gross income which is effectively connected for that period with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by that corporation. For purposes of subdivisions (iii) and (iv) of this subparagraph, the gross income of the distributing corporation for any period before its first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1966, which is from sources without the United States shall be treated as gross income which is not effectively connected for that period with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by that corporation. For the determination of the source of income and the income which is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, see sections 861 through 864, and the regulations thereunder.

(4) See section 301(b)(2) and paragraph (g) of this section for reduction in the amount of a distribution on account of certain liabilities.

(5) The application of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation A (a foreign corporation filing its income tax returns on a calendar year basis) whose stock is 100 percent owned by corporation B (a domestic corporation filing its income tax returns on a calendar year basis) for the first time engaged in trade or business in the United States on January 1, 1966, and qualifies under section 245(a) for the entire period beginning on that date and ending on December 31, 1970. During the period January 1, 1966, through December 31, 1969, 80 percent of corporation A's gross income is treated as effectively connected for that period with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by that corporation, and for 1970, 90 percent of corporation A's gross income is treated as effectively connected for that year with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by that corporation. As of December 31, 1969, A has earnings and profits of $50,000 accumulated during the period January 1, 1966, through December 31, 1969, and for the year 1970 A has earnings and profits of $10,000. On December 31, 1970, corporation A distributes to corporation B 100 shares of stock in domestic corporation C which have an adjusted basis of $40,000 in A's hands and a fair market value of $100,000. Corporation A makes no other distribution during 1970. Since a deduction is allowable to B under section 245(a) with respect to the distribution, and since the fair market value of the property ($100,000) exceeds the adjusted basis of the property in A's hands ($40,000), the amount of the distribution taken into account under section 301(c) is $50,500, which is the sum of—

(i) $9,000, i.e., $10,000 (the portion of the adjusted basis of the property which is out of earnings and profits for 1970), multiplied by 90 percent (the ratio which the gross income of A which is effectively connected for 1970 with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by A bears to A's entire gross income for 1970),

(ii) $24,000, i.e., $30,000 (the portion of the adjusted basis of property which is out of earnings and profits accumulated during the period January 1, 1966, through December 31, 1969), multiplied by 80 percent (the ratio which the gross income of A which is effectively connected for that period with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by A bears to A's entire gross income for that period),

(iii) $2,500, i.e., $25,000 (the proportionate part of the fair market value of the property attributable to the portion of the adjusted basis which is out of earnings and profits for 1970 ($100,000 multiplied by $10,000/$40,000)), multiplied by 10 percent (the ratio which the gross income of A for 1970 which is not effectively connected for that year with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by A bears to A's entire gross income for 1970), and

(iv) $15,000, i.e., $75,000 (the proportionate part of the fair market value of the property attributable to the portion of the adjusted basis which is out of earnings and profits accumulated during the period January 1, 1966, through December 31, 1969 ($100,000 multiplied by $30,000/$40,000)), multiplied by 20 percent (the ratio which the gross income of A for that period which is not effectively connected for that period with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by A bears to A's entire gross income for that period).

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in example (1) except that as of December 31, 1969, A has earnings and profits of $20,000 accumulated during the period January 1, 1966, through December 31, 1969. Since a deduction is allowable to B under section 245(a) with respect to the distribution and since the fair market value of the property ($100,000) exceeds the adjusted basis of the property in A's hands ($40,000), the amount of the distribution taken into account under section 301(c) is $62,500, which is the sum of—

(i) $9,000, i.e., $10,000 (the portion of the adjusted basis of the property which is out of earnings and profits for 1970), multiplied by 90 percent (the ratio which the gross income of A which is effectively connected for 1970 with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by A bears to A's entire gross income for such year),

(ii) $16,000, i.e., $20,000 (the portion of the adjusted basis of the property which is out of earnings and profits accumulated during the period January 1, 1966, through December 31, 1969), multiplied by 80 percent (the ratio which the gross income of A which is effectively connected for that period with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by A bears to A's entire gross income for that period),

(iii) $2,500, i.e., $25,000 (the proportionate part of the fair market value of the property attributable to the portion of the adjusted basis which is out of earnings and profits for 1970 ($100,000 multiplied by $10,000/$40,000)), multiplied by 10 percent (the ratio which the gross income of A for 1970 which is not effectively connected for that year with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by A bears to A's entire gross income for 1970),

(iv) $10,000, i.e., $50,000 (the proportionate part of the fair market value of the property attributable to the portion of the adjusted basis which is out of earnings and profits accumulated during the period January 1, 1966, through December 31, 1969 ($100,000 multiplied by $20,000/$40,000)), multiplied by 20 percent (the ratio which the gross income of A for that period which is not effectively connected for that period with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by A bears to A's entire gross income of that period), and

(v) $25,000, the proportionate part of the fair market value of the property attributable to the portion of the adjusted basis which is out of sources other than earnings and profits for 1970 and earnings and profits accumulated during the uninterrupted period described in section 245(a) ($100,000 multiplied by $10,000/$40,000).

(o) *Distributions of certain property by DISC's to corporate shareholders.* See § 1.997-1 for the rule that if a corporation which is a DISC or former DISC (as defined in section 992(a)(1) or (3) as the case may be) makes a distribution of property (other than money and other than the obligations of the DISC or former DISC) out of accumulated DISC income (as defined in section 996(f)(1)) or previously taxed income (as defined in section 996(f)(2)), such distribution of property shall be treated as if it were made to an individual and that the basis of the property distributed, in the hands of the recipient corporation, shall be determined as if such property were distributed to an individual.

(p) *Cross references.* For certain rules relating to adjustments to earnings and profits and for determining the extent to which a distribution is a dividend, see sections 312 and 316 and regulations thereunder.

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§ 1.302-1 General.

(a) Under section 302(d), unless otherwise provided in subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code, a distribution in redemption of stock shall be treated as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies if the distribution is not within any of the provisions of section 302(b). A distribution in redemption of stock shall be considered a distribution in part or full payment in exchange for the stock under section 302(a) provided paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of section 302(b) applies. Section 318(a) (relating to constructive ownership of stock) applies to all redemptions under section 302 except that in the termination of a shareholder's interest certain limitations are placed on the application of section 318(a)(1) by section 302(c)(2). The term "redemption of stock" is defined in section 317(b). Section 302 does not apply to that portion of any distribution which qualifies as a distribution in partial liquidation under section 346. For special rules relating to redemption of stock to pay death taxes see section 303. For special rules relating to redemption of section 306 stock see section 306. For special rules relating to redemption of stock in partial or complete liquidation see section 331.

(b) If, in connection with a partial liquidation under the terms of section 346, stock is redeemed in an amount in excess of the amount specified by section 331(a)(2), section 302(b) shall first apply as to each shareholder to which it is applicable without limitation because of section 331(a)(2). That portion of the total distribution which is used in all redemptions from specific shareholders which are within the terms of section 302(a) shall be excluded in determining the application of sections 346 and 331(a)(2). For example, Corporation X has $50,000 which is attributable to the sale of one of two active businesses and which, if distributed in redemption of stock, would qualify as a partial liquidation under the terms of section 346(b). Corporation X distributes $60,000 to its shareholders in redemption of stock, $20,000 of which is in redemption of all of the stock of shareholder A within the meaning of section 302(b)(3). The $20,000 distributed in redemption of the stock of shareholder A will be excluded in determining the application of sections 346 and 331(a)(2). The entire $60,000 will be treated as in part or full payment for stock ($20,000 qualifying under section 302(a) and $40,000 qualifying under sections 346 and 331(a)(2)).

§ 1.302-2 Redemptions not taxable as dividends.

(a) The fact that a redemption fails to meet the requirements of paragraph (2), (3) or (4) of section 302(b) shall not be taken into account in determining whether the redemption is not essentially equivalent to a dividend under section 302(b)(1). See, however, paragraph (b) of this section. For example, if a shareholder owns only nonvoting stock of a corporation which is not section 306 stock and which is limited and preferred as to dividends and in liquidation, and one-half of such stock is redeemed, the distribution will ordinarily meet the requirements of paragraph (1) of section 302(b) but will not meet the requirements of paragraph (2), (3) or (4) of such section. The determination of whether or not a distribution is within the phrase "essentially equivalent to a dividend" (that is, having the same effect as a distribution without any redemption of stock) shall be made without regard to the earnings and profits of the corporation at the time of the distribution. For example, if A owns all the stock of a corporation and the corporation redeems part of his stock at a time when it has no earnings and profits, the distribution shall be treated as a distribution under section 301 pursuant to section 302(d).

(b) The question whether a distribution in redemption of stock of a shareholder is not essentially equivalent to a dividend under section 302(b)(1) depends upon the facts and circumstances of each case. One of the facts to be considered in making this determination is the constructive stock ownership of such shareholder under section 318(a). All distributions in pro rata redemptions of a part of the stock of a corporation generally will be treated as distributions under section 301 if the corporation has only one class of stock outstanding. However, for distributions in partial liquidation, see section 346. The redemption of all of one class of stock (except section 306 stock) either at one time or in a series of redemptions generally will be considered as a distribution under section 301 if all classes of stock outstanding at the time of the redemption are held in the same proportion. Distribution in redemption of stock may be treated as distributions under section 301 regardless of the provisions of the stock certificate and regardless of whether all stock being redeemed was acquired by the stockholders from whom the stock was redeemed by purchase or otherwise. In every case in which a shareholder transfers stock to the corporation which issued such stock in exchange for property, the facts and circumstances shall be reported on his return except as provided in paragraph (d) of § 1.331-1. See sections 346(a) and 6043 for requirements relating to returns by corporations.

(c) In any case in which an amount received in redemption of stock is treated as a distribution of a dividend, proper adjustment of the basis of the remaining stock will be made with respect to the stock redeemed. The following examples illustrate the application of this rule:

Example (1). A, an individual, purchased all of the stock of Corporation X for $100,000. In 1955 the corporation redeems half of the stock for $150,000, and it is determined that this amount constitutes a dividend. The remaining stock of Corporation X held by A has a basis of $100,000.

Example (2). H and W, husband and wife, each own half of the stock of Corporation X. All of the stock was purchased by H for $100,000 cash. In 1950 H gave one-half of the stock to W, the stock transferred having a value in excess of $50,000. In 1955 all of the stock of H is redeemed for $150,000, and it is determined that the distribution to H in redemption of his shares constitutes the distribution of a dividend. Immediately after the transaction, W holds the remaining stock of Corporation X with a basis of $100,000.

Example (3). The facts are the same as in Example (2) with the additional facts that the outstanding stock of Corporation X consists of 1,000 shares and all but 10 shares of the stock of H is redeemed. Immediately after the transaction, H holds 10 shares of the stock of Corporation X with a basis of $50,000, and W holds 500 shares with a basis of $50,000.

§ 1.302-3 Substantially disproportionate redemption.

(a) Section 302(b)(2) provides for the treatment of an amount received in redemption of stock as an amount received in exchange for such stock if—

(1) Immediately after the redemption the shareholder owns less than 50 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock as provided in section 302(b)(2)(B),

(2) The redemption is a substantially disproportionate redemption within the meaning of section 302(b)(2)(C), and

(3) The redemption is not pursuant to a plan described in section 302(b)(2)(D).

Section 318(a) (relating to constructive ownership of stock) shall apply both in making the disproportionate redemption test and in determining the percentage of stock ownership after the redemption. The requirements under section 302(b)(2) shall be applied to each shareholder separately and shall be applied only with respect to stock which is issued and outstanding in the hands of the shareholders. Section 302(b)(2) only applies to a redemption of voting stock or to a redemption of both voting stock and other stock. Section 302(b)(2) does not apply to the redemption solely of nonvoting stock (common or preferred). However, if a redemption is treated as an exchange to a particular shareholder under the terms of section 302(b)(2), such section will apply to the simultaneous redemption of nonvoting preferred stock (which is not section 306 stock) owned by such shareholder and such redemption will also be treated as an exchange. Generally, for purposes of this section, stock which does not have voting rights until the happening of an event, such as a default in the payment of dividends on preferred stock, is not voting stock until the happening of the specified event. Subsection 302(b)(2)(D) provides that a redemption will not be treated as substantially disproportionate if made pursuant to a plan the purpose or effect of which is a series of redemptions which result in the aggregate in a distribution which is not substantially disproportionate. Whether or not such a plan exists will be determined from all the facts and circumstances.

(b) The application of paragraph (a) of this section is illustrated by the following example:

Example. Corporation M has outstanding 400 shares of common stock of which A, B, C and D each own 100 shares or 25 percent. No stock is considered constructively owned by A, B, C or D under section 318. Corporation M redeems 55 shares from A, 25 shares from B, and 20 shares from C. For the redemption to be disproportionate as to any shareholder, such shareholder must own after the redemptions less than 20 percent (80 percent of 25 percent) of the 300 shares of stock then outstanding. After the redemptions, A owns 45 shares (15 percent), B owns 75 shares (25 percent), and C owns 80 shares (26 2/3 percent). The distribution is disproportionate only with respect to A.

§ 1.302-4 Termination of shareholder's interest.

Section 302(b)(3) provides that a distribution in redemption of all of the stock of the corporation owned by a shareholder shall be treated as a distribution in part or full payment in exchange for the stock of such shareholder. In determining whether all of the stock of the shareholder has been redeemed, the general rule of section 302(c)(1) requires that the rules of constructive ownership provided in section 318(a) shall apply. Section 302(c)(2), however, provides that section 318(a)(1) (relating to constructive ownership of stock owned by members of a family) shall not apply where the specific requirements of section 302(c)(2) are met. The following rules shall be applicable in determining whether the specific requirements of section 302(c)(2) are met:

(a)(1) The agreement specified in section 302(c)(2)(A)(iii) shall be in the form of a separate statement in duplicate signed by the distributee and attached to the first return filed by the distributee for the taxable year in which the distribution described in section 302(b)(3) occurs. The agreement shall recite that the distributee has not acquired, other than by bequest or inheritance, any interest in the corporation (as described in section 302(c)(2)(A)(i)) since the distribution and that the distributee agrees to notify the district director for the internal revenue district in which the distributee resides of any acquistition, other than by bequest or inheritance, of such an interest in the corporation within 30 days after the acquisition, if the acquisition occurs within 10 years from the date of the distribution.

(2) If the distributee fails to file the agreement specified in section 302(c) (2) (A) (iii) at the time provided in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, then the district director for the internal revenue district in which the distributee resided at the time of filing the first return for the taxable year in which the distribution occurred shall grant a reasonable extension of time for filing such agreement, provided (i) it is established to the satisfaction of the district director that there was reasonable cause for failure to file the agreement within the prescribed time and (ii) a request for such extension is filed within such time as the district director considers reasonable under the circumstances.

(b) The distributee who files an agreement under section 302(c)(2)(A)(iii) shall retain copies of income tax returns and any other records indicating fully the amount of tax which would have been payable had the redemption been treated as a distribution subject to section 301.

(c) If stock of a parent corporation is redeemed, section 302(c)(2)(A), relating to acquisition of an interest in the corporation within 10 years after termination shall be applied with reference to an interest both in the parent corporation and any subsidiary of such parent corporation. If stock of a parent corporation is sold to a subsidiary in a transaction described in section 304, section 302(c)(2)(A) shall be applicable to the acquisition of an interest in such subsidiary corporation or in the parent corporation. If stock of a subsidiary corporation is redeemed, section 302(c)(2)(A) shall be applied with reference to an interest both in such subsidiary corporation and its parent. Section 302(c)(2)(A) shall also be applied with respect to an interest in a corporation which is a successor corporation to the corporation the interest in which has been terminated.

(d) For the purpose of section 302(c)(2)(A)(i), a person will be considered to be a creditor only if the rights of such person with respect to the corporation are not greater or broader in scope than necessary for the enforcement of his claim. Such claim must not in any sense be proprietary and must not be subordinate to the claims of general creditors. An obligation in the form of a debt may thus constitute a proprietary interest. For example, if under the terms of the instrument the corporation may discharge the principal amount of its obligation to a person by payments, the amount or certainty of which are dependent upon the earnings of the corporation, such a person is not a creditor of the corporation. Furthermore, if under the terms of the instrument the rate of purported interest is dependent upon earnings, the holder of such instrument may not, in some cases, be a creditor.

(e) In the case of a distributee to whom section 302(b)(3) is applicable, who is a creditor after such transaction, the acquisition of the assets of the corporation in the enforcement of the rights of such creditor shall not be considered an acquisition of an interest in the corporation for purposes of section 302(c)(2) unless stock of the corporation, its parent corporation, or, in the case of a redemption of stock of a parent corporation, of a subsidiary of such corporation is acquired.

(f) In determining whether an entire interest in the corporation has been terminated under section 302(b)(3), under all circumstances paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 318(a) (relating to constructive ownership of stock) shall be applicable.

(g) Section 302(c)(2)(B) provides that section 302(c)(2)(A) shall not apply—

(1) If any portion of the stock redeemed was acquired directly or indirectly within the 10-year period ending on the date of the distribution by the distributee from a person, the ownership of whose stock would (at the time of distribution) be attributable to the distributee under section 318(a), or

(2) If any person owns (at the time of the distribution) stock, the ownership of which is attributable to the distributee under section 318(a), such person acquired any stock in the corporation directly or indirectly from the distributee within the 10-year period ending on the date of the distribution, and such stock so acquired from the distributee is not redeemed in the same transaction,unless the acquisition (described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph) or the disposition by the distributee (described in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph) did not have as one of its principal purposes the avoidance of Federal income tax. A transfer of stock by the transferor, within the 10-year period ending on the date of the distribution, to a person whose stock would be attributable to the transferor shall not be deemed to have as one of its principal purposes the avoidance of Federal income tax merely because the transferee is in a lower income tax bracket than the transferor.

(Sec. 302(c)(2)(A)(iii) (68A Stat. 87; 26 U.S.C. 302 (c)(2)(A)(iii)))

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§ 1.303-1 General.

Section 303 provides that in certain cases a distribution in redemption of stock, the value of which is included in determining the value of the gross estate of a decedent, shall be treated as a distribution in full payment in exchange for the stock so redeemed.

§ 1.303-2 Requirements.

(a) Section 303 applies only where the distribution is with respect to stock of a corporation the value of whose stock in the gross estate of the decedent for Federal estate tax purposes is an amount in excess of (1) 35 percent of the value of the gross estate of such decedent, or (2) 50 percent of the taxable estate of such decedent. For the purposes of such 35 percent and 50 percent requirements, stock of two or more corporations shall be treated as the stock of a single corporation if more than 75 percent in value of the outstanding stock of each such corporation is included in determining the value of the decedent's gross estate. For the purpose of the 75 percent requirement, stock which, at the decedent's death, represents the surviving spouse's interest in community property shall be considered as having been included in determining the value of the decedent's gross estate.

(b) For the purpose of section 303(b)(2)(A)(i), the term "gross estate" means the gross estate as computed in accordance with section 2031 (or, in the case of the estate of a decedent nonresident not a citizen of the United States, in accordance with section 2103). For the purpose of section 303(b)(2)(A)(ii), the term "taxable estate" means the taxable estate as computed in accordance with section 2051 (or, in the case of the estate of a decedent nonresident not a citizen of the United States, in accordance with section 2106). In case the value of an estate is determined for Federal estate tax purposes under section 2032 (relating to alternate valuation), then, for purposes of section 303(b)(2), the value of the gross estate, the taxable estate, and the stock shall each be determined on the applicable date prescribed in section 2032.

(c)(1) In determining whether the estate of the decedent is comprised of stock of a corporation of sufficient value to satisfy the percentage requirements of section 303(b)(2)(A) and section 303(b)(2)(B), the total value, in the aggregate, of all classes of stock of the corporation includible in determining the value of the gross estate is taken into account. A distribution under section 303(a) may be in redemption of the stock of the corporation includible in determining the value of the gross estate, without regard to the class of such stock.

(2) The above may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. The gross estate of the decedent has a value of $1,000,000, the taxable estate is $700,000, and the sum of the death taxes and funeral and administration expenses is $275,000. Included in determining the gross estate of the decedent is stock of three corporations which, for Federal estate tax purposes, is valued as follows:

Corporation A:	
Common stock	$100,000
Preferred stock	100,000
Corporation B:	
Common stock	50,000
Preferred stock	350,000
Corporation C: Common stock	200,000

The stock of Corporation A and Corporation C included in the estate of the decedent constitutes all of the outstanding stock of both corporations. The stock of Corporation A and the stock of Corporation C, treated as the stock of a single corporation under section 303(b)(2)(B), has a value in excess of $350,000 (35 percent of the gross estate or 50 percent of the taxable estate). Likewise, the stock of Corporation B has a value in excess of $350,000. The distribution by one or more of the above corporations, within the period prescribed in section 303(b)(1), of amounts not exceeding, in the aggregate, $275,000, in redemption of preferred stock or common stock of such corporation or corporations, will be treated as in full payment in exchange for the stock so redeemed.

(d) If stock includible in determining the value of the gross estate of a decedent is exchanged for new stock, the basis of which is determined by reference to the basis of the old stock, the redemption of the new stock will be treated the same under section 303 as the redemption of the old stock would have been. Thus section 303 shall apply with respect to a distribution in redemption of stock received by the estate of a decedent (1) in connection with a reorganization under section 368, (2) in a distribution or exchange under section 355 (or so much of section 356 as relates to section 355), (3) in an exchange under section 1036 or (4) in a distribution to which section 305(a) applies. Similarly, a distribution in redemption of stock will qualify under section 303, notwithstanding the fact that the stock redeemed is section 306 stock to the extent that the conditions of section 303 are met.

(e) Section 303 applies to distributions made after the death of the decedent and (1) before the expiration of the 3-year period of limitations for the assessment of estate tax provided in section 6501(a) (determined without the application of any provisions of law extending or suspending the running of such period of limitations), or within 90 days after the expiration of such period, or (2) if a petition for redetermination of a deficiency in such estate tax has been filed with the Tax Court within the time prescribed in section 6213, at any time before the expiration of 60 days after the decision of the Tax Court becomes final. The extension of the period of distribution provided in section 303(b)(1)(B) has reference solely to bona fide contests in the Tax Court and will not apply in the case of a petition for redetermination of a deficiency which is initiated solely for the purpose of extending the period within which section 303 would otherwise be applicable.

(f) While section 303 will most frequently have application in the case where stock is redeemed from the executor or administrator of an estate, the section is also applicable to distributions in redemption of stock included in the decedent's gross estate and held at the time of the redemption by any person who acquired the stock by any of the means comprehended by part III, subchapter A, chapter 11 of the Code, including the heir, legatee, or donee of the decedent, a surviving joint tenant, surviving spouse, appointee, or taker in default of appointment, or a trustee of a trust created by the decedent. Thus section 303 may apply with respect to a distribution in redemption of stock from a donee to whom the decedent has transferred stock in contemplation of death where the value of such stock is included in the decedent's gross estate under section 2035. Similarly, section 303 may apply to the redemption of stock from a beneficiary of the estate to whom an executor has distributed the stock pursuant to the terms of the will of the decedent. However, section 303 is not applicable to the case where stock is redeemed from a stockholder who has acquired the stock by gift or purchase from any person to whom such stock has passed from the decedent. Nor is section 303 applicable to the case where stock is redeemed from a stockholder who has acquired the stock from the executor in satisfaction of a specific monetary bequest.

(g) (1) The total amount of the distributions to which section 303 may apply with respect to redemptions of stock included in the gross estate of a decedent may not exceed the sum of the estate, inheritance, legacy, and succession taxes (including any interest collected as a part of such taxes) imposed because of the decedent's death and the amount of funeral and administration expenses allowable as deductions to the estate. Where there is more than one distribution in redemption of stock described in section 303(b)(2) during the period of time prescribed in section 303(b)(1), the distributions shall be applied against the total amount which qualifies for treatment under section 303 in the order in which the distributions are made. For this purpose, all distributions in redemption of such stock shall be taken into account, including distributions which under another provision of the Code are treated as in part or full payment in exchange for the stock redeemed.

(2) Subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (i) The gross estate of the decedent has a value of $800,000, the taxable estate is $500,000, and the sum of the death taxes and funeral and administrative expenses is $225,000. Included in determining the gross estate of the decedent is the stock of a corporation which for Federal estate tax purposes is valued at $450,000. During the first year of administration, one-third of such stock is distributed to a legatee and shortly thereafter this stock is redeemed by the corporation for $150,000. During the second year of administration, another one-third of such stock includible in the estate is redeemed for $150,000.

(ii) The first distribution of $150,000 is applied against the $225,000 amount that qualifies for treatment under section 303, regardless of whether the first distribution was treated as in payment in exchange for stock under section 302(a). Thus, only $75,000 of the second distribution may be treated as in full payment in exchange for stock under section 303. The tax treatment of the remaining $75,000 would be determined under other provisions of the Code.

(h) For the purpose of section 303, the estate tax or any other estate, inheritance, legacy, or succession tax shall be ascertained after the allowance of any credit, relief, discount, refund, remission or reduction of tax.

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§ 1.303-3 Application of other sections.

(a) The sole effect of section 303 is to exempt from tax as a dividend a distribution to which such section is applicable when made in redemption of stock includible in a decedent's gross estate. Such section does not, however, in any other manner affect the principles set forth in sections 302 and 306. Thus, if stock of a corporation is owned equally by A, B, and the C Estate, and the corporation redeems one-half of the stock of each shareholder, the determination of whether the distributions to A and B are essentially equivalent to dividends shall be made without regard to the effect which section 303 may have upon the taxability of the distribution to the C Estate.

(b) See section 304 relative to redemption of stock through the use of related corporations.

§ 1.304-1 General.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, section 304 is applicable where a shareholder sells stock of one corporation to a related corporation as defined in section 304. Sales to which section 304 is applicable shall be treated as redemptions subject to sections 302 and 303.

(b) In the case of—

(1) Any acquisition of stock described in section 304 which occurred before June 22, 1954, and

(2) Any acquisition of stock described in section 304 which occurred on or after June 22, 1954, and on or before December 31, 1958, pursuant to a contract entered into before June 22, 1954.

The extent to which the property received in return for such acquisition shall be treated as a dividend shall be determined as if the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 continued to apply in respect of such acquisition and as if the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 had not been enacted. See section 391. In cases to which this paragraph applies, the basis of the stock received by the acquiring corporation shall be determined as if the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 continued to apply in respect of such acquisition and as if the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 had not been enacted.

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§ 1.304-2 Acquisition by related corporation (other than subsidiary).

(a) If a corporation, in return for property, acquires stock of another corporation from one or more persons, and the person or persons from whom the stock was acquired were in control of both such corporations before the acquisition, then such property shall be treated as received in redemption of stock of the acquiring corporation. The stock received by the acquiring corporation shall be treated as a contribution to the capital of such corporation. See section 362(a) for determination of the basis of such stock. The transferor's basis for his stock in the acquiring corporation shall be increased by the basis of the stock surrendered by him. (But see below in this paragraph for subsequent reductions of basis in certain cases.) As to each person transferring stock, the amount received shall be treated as a distribution of property under section 302(d), unless as to such person such amount is to be treated as received in exchange for the stock under the terms of section 302(a) or section 303. In applying section 302(b), reference shall be had to the shareholder's ownership of stock in the issuing corporation and not to his ownership of stock in the acquiring corporation (except for purposes of applying section 318(a)). In determining control and applying section 302(b), section 318(a) (relating to the constructive ownership of stock) shall be applied without regard to the 50-percent limitation contained in section 318(a) (2)(C) and (3)(C). A series of redemptions referred to in section 302(b)(2)(D) shall include acquisitions by either of the corporations of stock of the other and stock redemptions by both corporations. If section 302(d) applies to the surrender of stock by a shareholder, his basis for his stock in the acquiring corporation after the transaction (increased as stated above in this paragraph) shall not be decreased except as provided in section 301. If section 302(d) does not apply, the property received shall be treated as received in a distribution in payment in exchange for stock of the acquiring corporation under section 302(a), which stock has a basis equal to the amount by which the shareholder's basis for his stock in the acquiring corporation was increased on account of the contribution to capital as provided for above in this paragraph. Accordingly, such amount shall be applied in reduction of the shareholder's basis for his stock in the acquiring corporation. Thus, the basis of each share of the shareholder's stock in the acquiring corporation will be the same as the basis of such share before the entire transaction. The holding period of the stock which is considered to have been redeemed shall be the same as the holding period of the stock actually surrendered.

(b) In any case in which two or more persons, in the aggregate, control two corporations, section 304(a)(1) will apply to sales by such persons of stock in either corporation to the other (whether or not made simultaneously) provided the sales by each of such persons are related to each other. The determination of whether the sales are related to each other shall be dependent upon the facts and circumstances surrounding all of the sales. For this purpose, the fact that the sales may occur during a period of one or more years (such as in the case of a series of sales by persons who together control each of such corporations immediately prior to the first of such sales and immediately subsequent to the last of such sales) shall be disregarded, provided the other facts and circumstances indicate related transactions.

(c) The application of section 304(a)(1) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X and corporation Y each have outstanding 200 shares of common stock. One-half of the stock of each corporation is owned by an individual, A, and one-half by another individual, B, who is unrelated to A. On or after August 31, 1964, A sells 30 shares of corporation X stock to corporation Y for $50,000, such stock having an adjusted basis of $10,000 to A. After the sale, A is considered as owning corporation X stock as follows: (i) 70 shares directly, and (ii) 15 shares constructively, since by virtue of his 50-percent ownership of Y he constructively owns 50 percent of the 30 shares owned directly by Y. Since A's percentage of ownership of X's voting stock after the sale (85 out of 200 shares, or 42.5%) is not less than 80 percent of his percentage of ownership of X's voting stock before the sale (100 out of 200 shares, or 50%), the transfer is not "substantially disproportionate" as to him as provided in section 302(b)(2). Under these facts, and assuming that section 302(b)(1) is not applicable, the entire $50,000 is treated as a dividend to A to the extent of the earnings and profits of corporation Y. The basis of the corporation X stock to corporation Y is $10,000, its adjusted basis to A. The amount of $10,000 is added to the basis of the stock of corporation Y in the hands of A.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1) except that A sells 80 shares of corporation X stock to corporation Y, and the sale occurs before August 31, 1964. After the sale, A is considered as owning corporation X stock as follows: (i) 20 shares directly, and (ii) 90 shares indirectly, since by virtue of his 50-percent ownership of Y he constructively owns 50 percent of the 80 shares owned directly by Y and 50 percent of the 100 shares attributed to Y because they are owned by Y's stockholder, B. Since after the sale A owns a total of more than 50 percent of the voting power of all of the outstanding stock of X (110 out of 200 shares, or 55%), the transfer is not "substantially disproportionate" as to him as provided in section 302(b)(2).

Example (3). Corporation X and corporation Y each have outstanding 100 shares of common stock. A, an individual, owns one-half the stock of corporation X, and C owns one-half the stock of corporation Y. A, B, and C are unrelated. A sells 30 shares of the stock of corporation X to corporation Y for

$50,000, such stock having an adjusted basis of $10,000 to him. After the sale, A is considered as owning 35 shares of the stock of corporation X (20 shares directly and 15 constructively because one-half of the 30 shares owned by corporation Y are attributed to him). Since before the sale he owned 50 percent of the stock of corporation X and after the sale he owned directly and constructively only 35 percent of such stock, the redemption is substantially disproportionate as to him pursuant to the provisions of section 302(b)(2). He, therefore, realizes a gain of $40,000 ($50,000 minus $10,000). If the stock surrendered is a capital asset, such gain is long-term or short-term capital gain depending on the period of time that such stock was held. The basis to A for the stock of corporation Y is not changed as a result of the entire transaction. The basis to corporation Y for the stock of corporation X is $50,000, i.e., the basis of the transferor ($10,000), increased in the amount of gain recognized to the transferor ($40,000) on the transfer.

Example (4). Corporation X and corporation Y each have outstanding 100 shares of common stock. H, an individual, W, his wife, S, his son, and G, his grandson, each own 25 shares of stock of each corporation. H sells all of his 25 shares of stock of corporation X to corporation Y. Since both before and after the transaction H owned directly and constructively 100 percent of the stock of corporation X, and assuming that section 302(b)(1) is not applicable, the amount received by him for his stock of corporation X is treated as a dividend to him to the extent of the earnings and profits of corporation Y.

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§ 1.304-3 Acquisition by a subsidiary.

(a) If a subsidiary acquires stock of its parent corporation from a shareholder of the parent corporation, the acquisition of such stock shall be treated as though the parent corporation had redeemed its own stock. For the purpose of this section, a corporation is a parent corporation if it meets the 50 percent ownership requirements of section 304(c). The determination whether the amount received shall be treated as an amount received in payment in exchange for the stock shall be made by applying section 303, or by applying section 302(b) with reference to the stock of the issuing parent corporation. If such distribution would have been treated as a distribution of property (pursuant to section 302(d)) under section 301, the entire amount of the selling price of the stock shall be treated as a dividend to the seller to the extent of the earnings and profits of the parent corporation determined as if the distribution had been made to it of the property that the subsidiary exchanged for the stock. In such cases, the transferor's basis for his remaining stock in the parent corporation will be determined by including the amount of the basis of the stock of the parent corporation sold to the subsidiary.

(b) Section 304(a)(2) may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. Corporation M has outstanding 100 shares of common stock which are owned as follows: B, 75 shares, C, son of B, 20 shares, and D, daughter of B, 5 shares. Corporation M owns the stock of Corporation X. B sells his 75 shares of Corporation M stock to Corporation X. Under section 302(b)(3) this is a termination of B's entire interest in Corporation M and the full amount received from the sale of his stock will be treated as payment in exchange for this stock, provided he fulfills the requirements of section 302(c)(2) (relating to an acquisition of an interest in the corporations).

§ 1.305-1 Stock dividends.

(a) *In general.* Under section 305, a distribution made by a corporation to its shareholders in its stock or in rights to acquire its stock is not included in gross income except as provided in section 305(b) and the regulations promulgated under the authority of section 305(c). A distribution made by a corporation to its shareholders in its stock or rights to acquire its stock which would not otherwise be included in gross income by reason of section 305 shall not be so included merely because such distribution was made out of Treasury stock or consisted of rights to acquire Treasury stock. See section 307 for rules as to basis of stock and stock rights acquired in a distribution.

(b) *Amount of distribution.* (1) In general, where a distribution of stock or rights to acquire stock of a corporation is treated as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies by reason of section 305(b), the amount of the distribution, in accordance with section 301(b) and § 1.301-1, is the fair market value of such stock or rights on the date of distribution. See example (1) of § 1.305-2(b).

(2) Where a corporation which regularly distributes its earnings and profits, such as a regulated investment company, declares a dividend pursuant to which the shareholders may elect to receive either money or stock of the distributing corporation of equivalent value, the amount of the distribution of the stock received by any shareholder electing to receive stock will be considered to equal the amount of the money which could have been received instead. See example (2) of § 1.305-2(b).

(3) For rules for determining the amount of the distribution where certain transactions, such as changes in conversion ratios or periodic redemptions, are treated as distributions under section 305(c), see examples (6), (8), (9), and (15) of § 1.305-3(e).

(c) *Adjustment in purchase price.* A transfer of stock (or rights to acquire stock) or an increase or decrease in the conversion ratio or redemption price of stock which represents an adjustment of the price to be paid by the distributing corporation in acquiring property (within the meaning of section 317(a)) is not within the purview of section 305 because it is not a distribution with respect to its stock. For example, assume that on January 1, 1970, pursuant to a reorganization, corporation X acquires all the stock of corporation Y solely in exchange for its convertible preferred class B stock. Under the terms of the class B stock, its conversion ratio is to be adjusted in 1976 under a formula based upon the earnings of corporation Y over the 6-year period ending on December 31, 1975. Such an adjustment in 1976 is not covered by section 305.

(d) *Definitions.* (1) For purposes of this section and §§ 1.305-2 through 1.305-7, the term "stock" includes rights or warrants to acquire such stock.

(2) For purposes of §§ 1.305-2 through 1.305-7, the term "shareholder" includes a holder of rights or warrants or a holder of convertible securities.

[T.D. 7281, 38 FR 18532, July 12, 1973; 38 FR 19910, July 25, 1973]

§ 1.305-2 Distributions in lieu of money.

(a) *In general.* Under section 305(b)(1), if any shareholder has the right to an election or option with respect to whether a distribution shall be made either in money or any other property, or in stock or rights to acquire stock of the distributing corporation, then, with respect to all shareholders, the distribution of stock or rights to acquire stock is treated as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies regardless of—

(1) Whether the distribution is actually made in whole or in part in stock or in stock rights;

(2) Whether the election or option is exercised or exercisable before or after the declaration of the distribution;

(3) Whether the declaration of the distribution provides that the distribution will be made in one medium unless the shareholder specifically requests payment in the other;

(4) Whether the election governing the nature of the distribution is provided in the declaration of the distribution or in the corporate charter or arises from the circumstances of the distribution; or

(5) Whether all or part of the shareholders have the election.

(b) *Examples.* The application of section 305(b)(1) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). (i) Corporation X declared a dividend payable in additional shares of its common stock to the holders of its outstanding common stock on the basis of two additional shares for each share held on the record date but with the provision that, at the election of any shareholder made within a specified period prior to the distribution date, he may receive one additional share for each share held on the record date plus $12 principal amount of securities of corporation Y owned by corporation X. The fair market value of the stock of corporation X on the distribution date was $10 per share. The fair market value of $12 principal amount of securities of corporation Y on the distribution date was $11 but such securities had a cost basis to corporation X of $9.

(ii) The distribution to all shareholders of one additional share of stock of corporation X (with respect to which no election applies) for each share outstanding is not a distribution to which section 301 applies.

(iii) The distribution of the second share of stock of corporation X to those shareholders who do not elect to receive securities of corporation Y is a distribution of property to which section 301 applies, whether such shareholders are individuals or corporations. The amount of the distribution to which section 301 applies is $10 per share of stock of corporation X held on the record date (the fair market value of the stock of corporation X on the distribution date).

(iv) The distribution of securities of corporation Y in lieu of the second share of stock of corporation X to the shareholders of corporation X whether individuals or corporations, who elect to receive such securities, is also a distribution of property to which section 301 applies.

(v) In the case of the individual shareholders of corporation X who elects to receive such securities, the amount of the distribution to which section 301 applies is $11 per share of stock of corporation X held on the record date (the fair market value of the $12 principal amount of securities of corporation Y on the distribution date).

(vi) In the case of the corporate shareholders of corporation X electing to receive such securities, the amount of the distribution to which section 301 applies is $9 per share of stock of corporation X held on the record date (the basis of the securities of corporation Y in the hands of corporation X).

Example (2). On January 10, 1970, corporation X, a regulated investment company, declared a dividend of $1 per share on its common stock payable on February 11, 1970, in cash or in stock of corporation X of equivalent value determined as of January 22, 1970, at the election of the shareholder made on or before January 22, 1970. The amount of the distribution to which section 301 applies is $1 per share whether the shareholder elects to take cash or stock and whether the shareholder is an individual or a corporation. Such amount will also be used in determining the dividend paid deduction of corporation X and the reduction in earnings and profits of corporation X.

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§ 1.305-3 Disproportionate distributions.

(a) *In general.* Under section 305(b)(2), a distribution (including a deemed distribution) by a corporation of its stock or rights to acquire its stock is treated as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies if the distribution (or a series of distributions of which such distribution is one) has the result of (1) the receipt of money or other property by some shareholders, and (2) an increase in the proportionate interests of other shareholders in the assets or earnings and profits of the corporation. Thus, if a corporation has two classes of common stock outstanding and cash dividends are paid on one class and stock dividends are paid on the other class, the stock dividends are treated as distributions to which section 301 applies.

(b) *Special rules.* (1) As used in section 305(b)(2), the term "a series of distributions" encompasses all distributions of stock made or deemed made by a corporation which have the result of the receipt of cash or property by some shareholders and an increase in the proportionate interests of other shareholders.

(2) In order for a distribution of stock to be considered as one of a series of distributions it is not necessary that such distribution be pursuant to a plan to distribute cash or property to some shareholders and to increase the proportionate interests of other shareholders. It is sufficient if there is an actual or deemed distribution of stock (of which such distribution is one) and as a result of such distribution or distributions some shareholders receive cash or property and other shareholders increase their proportionate interests. For example, if a corporation pays quarterly stock dividends to one class of common shareholders and annual cash dividends to another class of common shareholders the quarterly stock dividends constitute a series of distributions of stock having the result of the receipt of cash or property by some shareholders and an increase in the proportionate interests of other shareholders. This is so whether or not the stock distributions and the cash distributions are steps in an overall plan or are independent and unrelated. Accordingly, all the quarterly stock dividends are distributions to which section 301 applies.

(3) There is no requirement that both elements of section 305(b)(2) (i.e., receipt of cash or property by some shareholders and an increase in proportionate interests of other shareholders) occur in the form of a distribution or series of distributions as long as the result of a distribution or distributions of stock is that some

shareholders' proportionate interests increase and other shareholders in fact receive cash or property. Thus, there is no requirement that the shareholders receiving cash or property acquire the cash or property by way of a corporate distribution with respect to their shares, so long as they receive such cash or property in their capacity as shareholders, if there is a stock distribution which results in a change in the proportionate interests of some shareholders and other shareholders receive cash or property. However, in order for a distribution of property to meet the requirement of section 305(b)(2), such distribution must be made to a shareholder in his capacity as a shareholder, and must be a distribution to which section 301, 356(a)(2), 871(a)(1)(A), 881(a)(1), 852(b), or 857(b) applies. (Under section 305(d)(2), the payment of interest to a holder of a convertible debenture is treated as a distribution of property to a shareholder for purposes of section 305(b)(2).) For example if a corporation makes a stock distribution to its shareholders and, pursuant to a prearranged plan with such corporation, a related corporation purchases such stock from those shareholders who want cash, in a transaction to which section 301 applies by virtue of section 304, the requirements of section 305(b)(2) are satisfied. In addition, a distribution of property incident to an isolated redemption of stock (for example, pursuant to a tender offer) will not cause section 305(b)(2) to apply even though the redemption distribution is treated as a distribution of property to which section 301, 871(a)(1)(A), 881(a)(1), or 356(a)(2) applies.

(4) Where the receipt of cash or property occurs more than 36 months following a distribution or series of distributions of stock, or where a distribution or series of distributions of stock is made more than 36 months following the receipt of cash or property, such distribution or distributions will be presumed not to result in the receipt of cash or property by some shareholders and an increase in the proportionate interest of other shareholders, unless the receipt of cash or property and the distribution or series of distributions of stock are made pursuant to a plan. For example, if, pursuant to a plan, a corporation pays cash dividends to some shareholders on January 1, 1971 and increases the proportionate interests of other shareholders on March 1, 1974, such increases in proportionate interests are distributions to which section 301 applies.

(5) In determining whether a distribution or a series of distributions has the result of a disproportionate distribution, there shall be treated as outstanding stock of the distributing corporation (i) any right to acquire such stock (whether or not exercisable during the taxable year), and (ii) any security convertible into stock of the distributing corporation (whether or not convertible during the taxable year).

(6) In cases where there is more than one class of stock outstanding, each class of stock is to be considered separately in determining whether a shareholder has increased his proportionate interest in the assets or earnings and profits of a corporation. The individual shareholders of a class of stock will be deemed to have an increased interest if the class of stock as a whole has an increased interest in the corporation.

(c) *Distributions of cash in lieu of fractional shares.* (1) Section 305(b)(2) will not apply if—

(i) A corporation declares a dividend payable in stock of the corporation and distributes cash in lieu of fractional shares to which shareholders would otherwise be entitled, or

(ii) Upon a conversion of convertible stock or securities a corporation distributes cash in lieu of fractional shares to which shareholders would otherwise be entitled.

Provided the purpose of the distribution of cash is to save the corporation the trouble, expense, and inconvenience of issuing and transferring fractional shares (or scrip representing fractional shares), or issuing full shares representing the sum of fractional shares, and not to give any particular group of shareholders an increased interest in the assets or earnings and profits of the corporation.

For purposes of paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section, if the total amount of cash distributed in lieu of fractional shares is 5 percent or less of the total fair market value of the stock distributed (determined as of the date of declaration), the distribution shall be considered to be for such valid purpose.

(2) In a case to which subparagraph (1) of this paragraph applies, the transaction will be treated as though the fractional shares were distributed as part of the stock distribution and then were redeemed by the corporation. The treatment of the cash received by a shareholder will be determined under section 302.

(d) *Adjustment in conversion ratio.* (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, if a corporation has convertible stock or convertible securities outstanding (upon which it pays or is deemed to pay dividends or interest in money or other property) and distributes a stock dividend (or rights to acquire such stock) with respect to the stock into which the convertible stock or securities are convertible, an increase in proportionate interest in the assets or earnings and profits of the corporation by reason of such stock dividend shall be considered to have occurred unless a full adjustment in the conversion ratio or conversion price to reflect such stock dividend is made. Under certain circumstances, however, the application of an adjustment formula which in effect provides for a "credit" where stock is issued for consideration in excess of the conversion price may not satisfy the requirement for a "full adjustment." Thus, if under a "conversion price" antidilution formula the formula provides for a "credit" where stock is issued for consideration in excess of the conversion price (in effect as an offset against any decrease in the conversion price which would otherwise be required when stock is subsequently issued for consideration below the conversion price) there may still be an increase in proportionate interest by reason of a stock dividend after application of the formula, since any downward adjustment of the conversion price that would otherwise be required to reflect the stock dividend may be offset, in whole or in part, by the effect of prior sales made at prices above the conversion price. On the other hand, if there were no prior sales of stock above the conversion price then a full adjustment would occur upon the application of such an adjustment formula and there would be no change in proportionate interest. Similarly, if consideration is to be received in connection with the issuance of stock, such as in the case of a rights offering or a distribution of warrants, the fact that such consideration is taken into account in making the antidilution adjustment will not preclude a full adjustment. See paragraph (*b*) of the example in this subparagraph for a case where the application of an adjustment formula with a cumulative feature does not result in a full adjustment and where a change in proportionate interest therefore occurs. See paragraph (*c*) for a case where the application of an adjustment formula with a cumulative feature does result in a full adjustment and where no change in proportionate interest therefore occurs. See paragraph (*d*) for an application of an antidilution formula in the case of a rights offering. See paragraph (*e*) for a case where the application of a noncumulative type adjustment formula will in all cases prevent a change in proportionate interest from occurring in the case of a stock dividend, because of the omission of the cumulative feature.

(ii) The principles of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example.

Example. (*a*) Corporation S has two classes of securities outstanding, convertible debentures and common stock. At the time of issuance of the debentures the corporation had 100 shares of common stock outstanding. Each debenture is interest-paying and is convertible into common stock at a conversion price of $2. The debenture's conversion price is subject to reduction pursuant to the following formula:

(Number of common shares outstanding at date of issue of debentures times initial conversion price) *plus* (Consideration received upon issuance of additional common shares) *divided by* (Number of common shares outstanding at date of issue of debentures) *plus* (Number of additional common shares issued)

Under the formula, common stock dividends are treated as an issue of common stock for zero consideration. If the computation results in a figure which is less than the existing conversion price the conversion price is reduced. However, under the formula, the existing conversion price is never increased. The formula works upon a cumulative basis since the numerator includes the consideration received upon the issuance of all common shares subsequent to the issuance of the debentures, and the reduction effected by the formula because of a sale or issuance of common stock below the existing conversion price is thus limited by any prior sales made above the existing conversion price.

(*b*) In 1972 corporation S sells 100 common shares at $3 per share. In 1973 the corporation declares a stock dividend of 20 shares to all holders of common stock. Under the antidilution formula no adjustment will be made to the conversion price of the debentures to reflect the stock dividend to common stockholders since the prior sale of common stock in excess of the conversion price in 1972 offsets the reduction in the conversion price which would otherwise result, as follows:

$$100 \times \$2 + \$300 \div 100 + 120 = \$500 \div 220 = \$2.27$$

Since $2.27 is greater than the existing conversion price of $2 no adjustment is required. As a result, there is an increase in proportionate interest of the common stockholders by reason of the stock dividend and the additional shares of common stock will be treated, pursuant to section 305(b)(2), as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies.

(*c*) Assume the same facts as above, but instead of selling 100 common shares at $3 per share in 1972, assume corporation S sold no shares. Application of the antidilution formula would give rise to an adjustment in the conversion price as follows:

$$100 \times \$2 + \$0 \div 100 + 20 = \$200 \div 120 = \$1.67$$

The conversion price, being reduced from $2 to $1.67, fully reflects the stock dividend distributed to the common stockholders. Hence, the distribution of common stock is not treated under section 305(b)(2) as one to which section 301 applies because the distribution does not increase the proportionate interests of the common shareholders as a class.

(*d*) Corporation S distributes to its shareholders rights entitling the shareholders to purchase a total of 20 shares at $1 per share. Application of the antidilution formula would produce an adjustment in the conversion price as follows:

$$100 \times \$2 + 20 \times \$1 \div 100 + 20 = \$220 \div 120 = \$1.83$$

The conversion price, being reduced from $2 to $1.83, fully reflects the distribution of rights to purchase stock at a price lower than the conversion price. Hence, the distribution of the rights is not treated under section 305(b)(2) as one to which section 301 applies because the distribution does not increase the proportionate interests of the common shareholders as a class.

(*e*) Assume the same facts as in (*b*) above, but instead of using a "conversion price" antidilution formula which operates on a cumulative basis, assume corporation S has employed a formula which operates as follows with respect to all stock dividends: The conversion price in effect at the opening of business on the day following the dividend record date is reduced by multiplying such conversion price by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of shares of common stock outstanding at the close of business on the record date and the denominator of which is the sum of such shares so outstanding and the number of shares constituting the stock dividend. Under such a formula the following adjustment would be made to the conversion price upon the declaration of a stock dividend of 20 shares in 1973:

$$200 \div 200 + 20 = 200 \div 220 \times \$2 = \$1.82$$

The conversion price, being reduced from $2 to $1.82, fully reflects the stock dividend distributed to the common stockholders. Hence, the distribution of common stock is not treated under section 305(b)(2) as one to which section 301 applies because the distribution does not increase the proportionate interests of the common shareholders as a class.

(2) (i) A distributing corporation either must make the adjustment required by subparagraph (1) of this paragraph as of the date of the distribution of the stock dividend, or must elect (in the manner provided in subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph) to make such adjustment within the time provided in subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph.

(ii) If the distributing corporation elects to make such adjustment, such adjustment must be made no later than the earlier of (*a*) 3 years after the date of the stock dividend, or (*b*) that date as of which the aggregate stock dividends for which adjustment of the conversion ratio has not previously been made total at least 3 percent of the issued and outstanding stock with respect to which such stock dividends were distributed.

(iii) The election provided by subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph shall be made by filing with the income tax return for the taxable year during which the stock dividend is distributed—

(*a*) A statement that an adjustment will be made as provided by that subdivision, and

(*b*) A description of the antidilution provisions under which the adjustment will be made.

(3) Notwithstanding the preceding subparagraph, if a distribution has been made before July 12, 1973, and the adjustment required by subparagraph (1) or the election to make such adjustment was not made before such date, the adjustment or the election to make such adjustment, as the case may be, shall be considered valid if made no later than 15 days following the date of the first annual meeting of the shareholders after July 12, 1973, or July 12, 1974, whichever is earlier. If the election is made within such period, and, if the income tax return has been filed before the time of such election, the statement of adjustment and the description of the antidilution provisions required by subparagraph (2)(iii) shall be filed with the Internal Revenue Service Center with which the income tax return was filed.

(4) See § 1.305-7(b) for a discussion of antidilution adjustments in connection with the application of section 305(c) in conjunction with section 305(b).

(e) *Examples.* The application of section 305(b)(2) to distributions of stock and section 305(c) to deemed distributions of stock may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X is organized with two classes of common stock, class A and class B. Each share of stock is entitled to share equally in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation. Dividends may be paid in stock or in cash on either class of stock without regard to the medium of payment of dividends on the other class. A dividend is declared on the class A stock payable in additional shares of class A stock and a dividend is declared on class B stock payable in cash. Since the class A shareholders as a class will have increased their proportionate interests in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation and the class B shareholders will have received cash, the additional shares of class A stock are distributions of property to which section 301 applies. This is true even with respect to those shareholders who may own class A stock and class B stock in the same proportion.

Example (2). Corporation Y is organized with two classes of stock, class A common, and class B, which is nonconvertible and limited and preferred as to dividends. A dividend is declared upon the class A stock payable in additional shares of class A stock and a dividend is declared on the class B stock payable in cash. The distribution of class A stock is not one to which section 301 applies because the distribution does not increase the proportionate interests of the class A shareholders as a class.

Example (3). Corporation K is organized with two classes of stock, class A common, and class B, which is nonconvertible preferred stock. A dividend is declared upon the class A stock payable in shares of class B stock and a dividend is declared on the class B stock payable in cash. Since the class A shareholders as a class have an increased interest in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation, the stock distribution is treated as a distribution to which section 301 applies. If, however, a dividend were declared upon the class A stock payable in a new class of preferred stock that is subordinated in all respects to the class B stock, the distribution would not increase the proportionate interests of the class A shareholders in the assets or earnings and profits of the corporation and would not be treated as a distribution to which section 301 applies.

Example (4). (i) Corporation W has one class of stock outstanding, class A common. The corporation also has outstanding interest paying securities convertible into class A common stock which have a fixed conversion ratio that is not subject to full adjustment in the event stock dividends or rights are distributed to the class A shareholders. Corporation W distributes to the class A shareholders rights to acquire additional shares of class A stock. During the year, interest is paid on the convertible securities.

(ii) The stock rights and convertible securities are considered to be outstanding stock of the corporation and the distribution increases the proportionate interests of the class A shareholders in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation. Therefore, the distribution is treated as a distribution to which section 301 applies. The same result would follow if, instead of convertible securities, the corporation had outstanding convertible stock. If, however, the conversion ratio of the securities or stock were fully adjusted to reflect the distribution of rights to the class A shareholders, the rights to acquire class A stock would not increase the proportionate interests of the class A shareholders in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation and would not be treated as a distribution to which section 301 applies.

Example (5). (i) Corporation S is organized with two classes of stock, class A common and class B convertible preferred. The class B is fully protected against dilution in the event of a stock dividend or stock split with respect to the class A stock; however, no adjustment in the conversion ratio is required to be made until the stock dividends equal 3 percent of the common stock issued and outstanding on the date of the first such stock dividend except that such adjustment must be made no later than 3 years after the date of the stock dividend. Cash dividends are paid annually on the class B stock.

(ii) Corporation S pays a 1 percent stock dividend on the class A stock in 1970. In 1971, another 1 percent stock dividend is paid and in 1972 another 1 percent stock dividend is paid. The conversion ratio of the class B stock is increased in 1972 to reflect the three stock dividends paid on the class A stock. The distributions of class A stock are not distributions to which section 301 applies because they do not increase the proportionate interests of the class A shareholders in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation.

Example (6). (i) Corporation M is organized with two classes of stock outstanding, class A and class B. Each class B share may be converted, at the option of the holder, into class A shares. During the first year, the conversion ratio is one share of class A stock for each share of class B stock. At the beginning of each subsequent year, the conversion ratio is increased by 0.05 share of class A stock for each share of class B stock. Thus, during the second year, the conversion ratio would be 1.05 shares of class A stock for each share of class B stock, during the third year, the ratio would be 1.10 shares, etc.

(ii) M pays an annual cash dividend on the class A stock. At the beginning of the second year, when the conversion ratio is increased to 1.05 shares of class A stock for each share of class B stock, a distribution of 0.05 shares of class A stock is deemed made under section 305(c) with respect to each share of class B stock, since the proportionate interests of the class B shareholders in the assets or earnings and profits of M are increased and the transaction has the effect described in section 305(b)(2). Accordingly, sections 305(b)(2) and 301 apply to the transaction.

Example (7). (i) Corporation N has two classes of stock outstanding, class A and class B. Each class B share is convertible into class A stock. However, in accordance with a specified formula, the conversion ratio is decreased each time a cash dividend is paid on the class B stock to reflect the amount of the cash dividend. The conversion ratio is also adjusted in the event that cash dividends are paid on the class A stock to increase the number of class A shares into which the class B shares are convertible to compensate the class B shareholders for the cash dividend paid on the class A stock.

(ii) In 1972, a $1 cash dividend per share is declared and paid on the class B stock. On the date of payment, the conversion ratio of the class B stock is decreased. A distribution of stock is deemed made under section 305(c) to the class A shareholders, since the proportionate interest of the class A shareholders in the assets or earnings and profits of the corporation is increased and the transaction has the effect described in section 305(b)(2). Accordingly, sections 305(b)(2) and 301 apply to the transaction.

(iii) In the following year a cash dividend is paid on the class A stock and none is paid on the class B stock. The increase in conversion rights of the class B shares is deemed to be a distribution under section 305(c) to the class B shareholders since their proportionate interest in the assets or earnings and profits of the corporation is increased and since the transaction has the effect described in section 305(b)(2). Accordingly, sections 305(b)(2) and 301 apply to the transaction.

Example (8). Corporation T has 1,000 shares of stock outstanding. C owns 100 shares. Nine other shareholders each owns 100 shares. Pursuant to a plan for periodic redemptions, T redeems up to 5 percent of each shareholder's stock each year. During the year, each of the nine other shareholders has 5 shares of his stock redeemed for cash. Thus, C's proportionate interest in the assets and earnings and profits of T is increased. Assuming that the cash received by the nine other shareholders is taxable under section 301, C is deemed under section 305(c) to have received a distribution under section 305(b)(2) of 5.25 shares of T stock to which section 301 applies. The amount of C's distribution is measured by the fair market value of the number of shares which would have been distributed to C had the corporation sought to increase his interest by 0.47 percentage points (C owned 10 percent of the T stock immediately before the redemption and 10.47 percent immediately thereafter) and the other shareholders continued to hold 900 shares (i.e.,

(a) $100 \div 955 = 10.47\%$ (percent of C's ownership after redemption)

(b) $100 + x \div 1000 + x = 10.47\%$; $x = 5.25$ (additional shares considered to be distributed to C)).

Since in computing the amount of additional shares deemed to be distributed to C the redemption of shares is disregarded, the redemption of shares will be similarly disregarded in determining the value of the stock of the corporation which is deemed to be distributed. Thus, in the example, 1,005.25 shares of stock are considered as outstanding after the redemption. The value of each share deemed to be distributed to C is then determined by dividing the 1,005.25 shares into the aggregate fair market value of the actual shares outstanding (955) after the redemption.

Example (9). (i) Corporation O has a stock redemption program under which, instead of paying out earnings and profits to its shareholders in the form of dividends, it redeems the stock of its shareholders up to a stated amount which is determined by the earnings and profits of the corporation. If the stock tendered for redemption exceeds the stated amount, the corporation redeems the stock on a pro rata basis up to the stated amount.

(ii) During the year corporation O offers to distribute $10,000 in redemption of its stock. At the time of the offering, corporation O has 1,000 shares outstanding of which E and F each owns 150 shares and G and H each owns 350 shares. The corporation redeems 15 shares from E and 35 shares from G. F and H continue to hold all of their stock.

(iii) F and H have increased their proportionate interests in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation. Assuming that the cash E and G receive is taxable under section 301, F will be deemed under section 305(c) to have received a distribution under section 305(b)(2) of 16.66 shares of stock to which section 301 applies and H will be deemed under section 305(c) to have received a distribution under section 305(b)(2) of 38.86 shares of stock to which section 301 applies. The amount of the distribution to F and H is measured by the number of shares which would have been distributed to F and H had the corporation sought to increase the interest of F by 0.79 percentage points (F owned 15 percent of the stock immediately before the redemption and 15.79 percent immediately thereafter) and the interest of H by 1.84 percentage points (H owned 35 percent of the stock immediately before the redemption and 36.84 percent immediately thereafter) and E and G had continued to hold 150 shares and 350 shares, respectively (i.e.,

(a) $150 \div 950 + 350 \div 950 = 52.63\%$ (percent of F and H's ownership after redemption)

(b) $500 + y \div 1000 + y = 52.63\%$; $y = 55.52$ (additional shares considered to be distributed to F and H)

(c) (1) $150 \div 500 \times 55.52 = 16.66$ (shares considered to be distributed to F)

(2) $350 \div 500 \times 55.52 = 38.86$ (shares considered to be distributed to H)).

Since in computing the amount of additional shares deemed to be distributed to F and H the redemption of shares is disregarded, the redemption of shares will be similarly disregarded in determining the value of the stock of the corporation which is deemed to be distributed. Thus, in the example, 1,055.52 shares of stock are considered as outstanding after the redemption. The value of each share deemed to be distributed to F and H is then determined by dividing the 1,055.52 shares into the aggregate fair market value of the actual shares outstanding (950) after the redemption.

Example (10). Corporation P has 1,000 shares of stock outstanding. T owns 700 shares of the P stock and G owns 300 shares of the P stock. In a single and isolated redemption to which section 301 applies, the corporation redeems 150 shares of T's stock. Since this is an isolated redemption and is not a part of a periodic redemption plan, G is not treated as having received a deemed distribution under section 305(c) to which sections 305(b)(2) and 301 apply even though he has an increased proportionate interest in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation.

Example (11). Corporation Q is a large corporation whose sole class of stock is widely held. However, the four largest shareholders are officers of the corporation and each owns 8 percent of the outstanding stock. In 1974, in a distribution to which section 301 applies, the corporation redeems 1.5 percent of the stock from each of the four largest shareholders in preparation for their retirement. From 1970 through 1974, the corporation distributes annual stock dividends to its shareholders. No other distributions were made to these shareholders. Since the 1974 redemptions are isolated and are not part of a plan for periodically redeeming the stock of the corporation, the shareholders receiving stock dividends will not be treated as having received a distribution under section 305(b)(2) even though they have an increased proportionate interest in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation and whether or not the redemptions are treated as distributions to which section 301 applies.

Example (12). Corporation R has 2,000 shares of class A stock outstanding. Five shareholders own 300 shares each and five shareholders own 100 shares each. In preparation for the retirement of the five major shareholders, corporation R, in a single and isolated transaction, has a recapitalization in which each share of class A stock may be exchanged either for five shares of new class B nonconvertible preferred stock plus 0.4 share of new class C common stock, or for two shares of new class C common stock. As a result of the exchanges, each of the five major shareholders receives 1,500 shares of class B nonconvertible preferred stock and 120 shares of class C common stock. The remaining shareholders each receives 200 shares of class C common stock. None of the exchanges are within the purview of section 305.

Example (13). Corporation P is a widely-held company whose shares are listed for trading on a stock exchange. P distributes annual cash dividends to its shareholders. P purchases shares of its common stock directly from small stockholders (holders of record of 100 shares or less) or through brokers where the holders may not be known at the time of purchase. Where such purchases are made through brokers, they are pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The shares are purchased for the purpose of issuance to employee stock investment plans, to holders of convertible stock or debt, to holders of stock options, or for future acquisitions. Provided the purchases are not pursuant to a plan to increase the proportionate interest of some shareholders and distribute property to other shareholders, the remaining shareholders of P are not treated as having received a deemed distribution under section 305(c) to which section 305(b)(2) and 301 apply, even though they have an increased proportionate interest in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation.

Example (14). Corporation U is a large manufacturing company whose products are sold through independent dealers. In order to assist individuals who lack capital to become dealers, the corporation has an established investment plan under which it provides 75 percent of the capital necessary to form a dealership corporation and the individual dealer provides the remaining 25 percent. Corporation U receives class A stock and a note representing its 75 percent interest. The individual dealer receives class B stock representing his 25 percent interest. The class B stock is nonvoting until all the class A shares are redeemed. At least 70 percent of the earnings and profits of the dealership corporation must be used each year to retire the note and to redeem the class A stock. The class A stock is redeemed at a fixed price. The individual dealer has no control over the redemption of stock and has no right to have his stock redeemed during the period the plan is in existence. U's investment is thus systematically eliminated and the individual becomes the sole owner of the dealership corporation. Since this type of plan is akin to a security arrangement, the redemptions of the class A stock will not be deemed under section 305(c) as distributions taxable under sections 305(b)(2) and 301 during the years in which the class A stock is redeemed.

Example (15). (i) Corporation V is organized with two classes of stock, class A common and class B convertible preferred. The class B stock is issued for $100 per share and is convertible into class A at a fixed ratio that is not subject to full adjustment in the event stock dividends or rights are distributed to the class A shareholders. The class B stock pays no dividends but it is redeemable in 10 years for $200. There are no facts to indicate that a call premium in excess of 10 percent of the issue price is reasonable. Under sections 305(c) and 305(b)(4), $90 of the redemption price (i.e., the excess of the redemption price over the sum of the issue price and a reasonable call premium) is deemed to be a distribution of preferred stock on preferred stock which is taxable as a distribution of property under section 301. This amount is considered to be distributed ratably over the 10-year period. During the year, the corporation declares a dividend on the class A stock payable in additional shares of class A stock.

(ii) The distribution on the class A stock is a distribution to which sections 305(b)(2) and 301 apply since it increases the proportionate interests of the class A shareholders in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation and the class B stockholders have received property (i.e., a ratable share of the $90 excessive call premium deemed distributed pursuant to sections 305(c) and 305(b)(4) and taxable as a distribution of property under section 301). If, however, the conversion ratio of the class B stock were subject to full adjustment to reflect the distribution of stock to class A shareholders, the distribution of stock dividends on the class A stock would not increase the proportionate interests of the class A shareholders in the assets and earnings and profits of the corporation and such distribution would not be a distribution to which section 301 applies.

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§ 1.305-4 Distributions of common and preferred stock.

(a) *In general.* Under section 305(b)(3), a distribution (or a series of distributions) by a corporation which results in the receipt of preferred stock whether or not convertible into common stock) by some common shareholders and the receipt of common stock by other common shareholders is treated as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies. For the meaning of the term "a series of distribution," see subparagraphs (1) through (6) of § 1.305-3(b).

(b) *Examples.* The application of section 305(b)(3) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X is organized with two classes of common stock, class A and class B. Dividends may be paid in stock or in cash on either class of stock without regard to the medium of payment of dividends on the other class. A dividend is declared on the class A stock payable in additional shares of class A stock and a dividend is declared on class B stock payable in newly authorized class C stock which is nonconvertible and limited and preferred as to dividends. Both the distribution of class A shares and the distribution of new class C shares are distributions to which section 301 applies.

Example (2). Corporation Y is organized with one class of stock, class A common. During the year the corporation declares a dividend on the class A stock payable in newly authorized class B preferred stock which is convertible into class A stock no later than 6 months from the date of distribution at a price that is only slightly higher than the market price of class A stock on the date of distribution. Taking into account the dividend rate, redemption provisions, the marketability of the convertible stock, and the conversion price, it is reasonable to anticipate that within a relatively short period of time some shareholders will exercise their conversion rights and some will not. Since the distribution can reasonably be expected to result in the receipt of preferred stock by some common shareholders and the receipt of common stock by other common shareholders, the distribution is a distribution of property to which section 301 applies.

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§ 1.305-5 Distributions on preferred stock.

(a) *In general.* Under section 305(b)(4), a distribution by a corporation of its stock (or rights to acquire its stock) made (or deemed made under section 305(c)) with respect to its preferred stock is treated as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies unless the distribution is made with respect to convertible preferred stock to take into account a stock dividend, stock split, or any similar event (such as the sale of stock at less than the fair market value pursuant to a rights offering) which would otherwise result in the dilution of the conversion right. For purposes of the preceding sentence, an adjustment in the conversion ratio of convertible preferred stock made solely to take into account the distribution by a closed end regulated investment company of a capital gain dividend with respect to the stock into which such stock is convertible shall not be considered a "similar event." The term "preferred stock" generally refers to stock which, in relation to other classes of stock outstanding, enjoys certain limited rights and privileges (generally associated with specified dividend and liquidation priorities) but does not participate in corporate growth to any significant extent. The distinguishing feature of "preferred stock" for the purposes of section 305(b)(4) is not its privileged position as such, but that such privileged position is limited, and that such stock does not participate in corporate growth to any significant extent. However, a right to participate which lacks substance will not prevent a class of stock from being treated as preferred stock. Thus, stock which enjoys a priority as to dividends and on liquidation but which is entitled to participate, over and above such priority, with another less privileged class of stock in earnings and profits and upon liquidation, may nevertheless be treated as preferred stock for purposes of section 305 if, taking into account all the facts and circumstances, it is reasonable to anticipate at the time a distribution is made (or is deemed to have been made) with respect to such stock that there is little or no likelihood of such stock actually participating in current and anticipated earnings and upon liquidation beyond its preferred interest. Among the facts and circumstances to be considered are the prior and anticipated earnings per share, the cash dividends per share, the book value per share, the extent of preference and of participation of each class, both absolutely and relative to each other, and any other facts which indicate whether or not the stock has a real and meaningful probability of actually participating in the earnings and growth of the corporation. The determination of whether stock is preferred for purposes of section 305 shall be made without regard to any right to convert such stock into another class of stock of the corporation. The term "preferred stock", however, does not include convertible debentures.

(b) *Redemption premium.* (1) If a corporation issues preferred stock which may be redeemed after a specified period of time at a price higher than the issue price, the difference will be considered under the authority of section 305(c) to be a distribution of additional stock on preferred stock which is constructively received by the shareholder over the period of time during which the preferred stock cannot be called for redemption.

(2) Subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall not apply to the extent that the difference between issue price and redemption price is a reasonable redemption premium. A redemption premium will be considered reasonable if it is in the nature of a penalty for a premature redemption of the preferred stock and if such premium does not exceed the amount the corporation would be required to pay for the right to make such premature redemption under market conditions existing at the time of issuance. Such an amount can be established by comparing call premium rates on comparable stock paying comparable dividends. However, for purposes of this subparagraph, a redemption premium not in excess of 10 percent of the issue price on stock which is not redeemable for 5 years from the date of issue shall be considered reasonable.

(c) *Cross reference.* For rules for applying sections 305(b)(4) and 305(c) to recapitalizations, see § 1.305-7(c).

(d) *Examples.* The application of sections 305(b)(4) and 305(c) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). (i) Corporation T has outstanding 1,000 shares of $100 par 5-percent cumulative preferred stock and 10,000 shares of no-par common stock. The corporation is 4 years in arrears on dividends to the preferred shareholders. The issue price of the preferred stock is $100 per share. Pursuant to a recapitalization under section 368(a)(1)(E), the preferred shareholders exchange their preferred stock, including the right to dividend arrearages, on the basis of one old preferred share for 1.20 newly authorized class A preferred shares. Immediately following the recapitalization, the new class A shares are traded at $100 per share. The class A shares are entitled to a liquidation preference of $100. The preferred shareholders have increased their proportionate interest in the assets or earnings and profits of corporation T since the fair market value of 1.20 shares of class A preferred stock ($120) exceeds the issue price of the old preferred stock ($100). Accordingly, the preferred shareholders are deemed under section 305(c) to receive a distribution in the amount of $20 on each share of old preferred stock and the distribution is one to which sections 305(b)(4) and 301 apply.

(ii) The same result would occur if the fair market value of the common stock immediately following the recapitalization were $20 per share and each share of preferred stock were exchanged for one share of the new class A preferred stock and one share of common stock.

Example (2). Corporation A, a publicly held company whose stock is traded on a securities exchange (or in the over-the-counter market) has two classes of stock outstanding, common and cumulative preferred. Each share of preferred stock is convertible into .75 shares of common stock. There are no dividend arrearages. At the time of issue of the preferred stock, there was no plan or prearrangement by which it was to be exchanged for common stock. The issue price of the preferred stock is $100 per share. In order to retire the preferred stock, corporation A recapitalizes in a transaction to which section 368(a)(1)(E) applies and each share of preferred stock is exchanged for one share of common stock. Immediately after the recapitalization the common stock has a fair market value of $110 per share. Notwithstanding the fact that the fair market value of the common stock received in the exchange (determined immediately following the recapitalization) exceeds the issue price of the preferred stock surrendered, the recapitalization is not deemed under section 305(c) to result in a distribution to which sections 305(b)(4) and 301 apply since the recapitalization is not pursuant to a plan to periodically increase a shareholder's proportionate interest in the assets or earnings and profits and does not involve dividend arrearages.

Example (3). Corporation V is organized with two classes of stock, 1,000 shares of class A common and 1,000 shares of class B convertible preferred. Each share of class B stock may be converted into two shares of class A stock. Pursuant to a recapitalization under section 368(a)(1)(E), the 1,000 shares of class A stock are surrendered in exchange for 500 shares of new class A common and 500 shares of newly authorized class C common. The conversion right of class B stock is changed to one share of class A stock and one share of class C stock for each share of class B stock. The change in the conversion right is not deemed under section 305(c) to be a distribution on preferred stock to which sections 305(b)(4) and 301 apply.

Example (*4*). Corporation X issues preferred stock for $100 per share. The stock is redeemable in 5 years or any time thereafter for $110. The redemption price at no time exceeds 10 percent of the issue price. The difference between redemption price and issue price is not deemed under section 305(c) to be a distribution on preferred stock to which sections 305(b)(4) and 301 supply.

Example (*5*). Corporation W issues preferred stock for $100 per share. The stock pays no dividends but is redeemable at the end of 5 years for $185 with yearly increases thereafter of $15. There are no facts to indicate that a call premium in excess of $10 is reasonable. Since the difference between redemption price and issue price exceeds the reasonable call premium to the extent of $75 that amount is considered to be a distribution of additional stock on preferred stock which is constructively received over the 5-year period. Therefore, the shareholder is deemed under section 305(c) to receive on the last day of each year during the 5-year period a distribution on his preferred stock in an amount equal to 15 percent of the issue price. Each $15 increase in the redemption price thereafter is considered to be a distribution on the preferred stock at the time each such increase becomes effective.

Example (*6*). Corporation A, a publicly held company whose stock is traded on a securities exchange (or in the over-the-counter market) has two classes of stock outstanding, common and preferred. The preferred stock is nonvoting and nonconvertible, limited and preferred as to dividends, and has a fixed liquidation preference. There are no dividend arrearages. At the time of issue of the preferred stock, there was no plan or prearrangement by which it was to be exchanged for common stock. In order to retire the preferred stock, corporation A recapitalizes in a transaction to which section 368(a)(1)(E) applies and the preferred stock is exchanged for common stock. The transaction is not deemed to be a distribution under section 305(c) and sections 305(b) and 301 do not apply to the transaction. The same result would follow if the preferred stock was exchanged in any reorganization described in section 368(a)(1) for a new preferred stock having substantially the same market value and having no greater call price or liquidation preference than the old preferred stock, whether the new preferred stock has voting rights or is convertible into common stock of corporation A at a fixed ratio subject to change solely to take account of stock dividends, stock splits, or similar transactions with respect to the stock into which the preferred stock is convertible.

Example (*7*). Corporation R has only common stock outstanding. Corporation R distributes to the common shareholders on a pro rata basis, newly authorized 2-percent preferred stock. Such stock has a par value of $100 per share and is redeemable at the end of 5 years for $105 per share. At the time of the distribution, the fair market value of the preferred stock is $50 per share. There are no facts to indicate that a call premium in excess of $5 is reasonable. Since the difference between redemption price and issue price (*i.e.*, the fair market value of the preferred stock immediately following its distribution as a stock dividend) exceeds the reasonable call premium to the extent of $50, that amount is considered to be a distribution of additional stock on preferred stock which is constructively received over the 5-year period. Therefore, each shareholder is deemed under section 305(c) to receive each year during the 5-year period a distribution in the amount of $10 on his preferred stock to which sections 305(b)(4) and 301 apply.

Example (*8*). Corporation Q is organized with 10,000 shares of class A stock and 1,000 shares of class B stock. The terms of the class B stock require that the class B have a preference of $5 per share with respect to dividends and $100 per share with respect to liquidation. In addition, upon a distribution of $10 per share to the class A stock, class B participates equally in any additional dividends. The terms also provide that upon liquidation the class B stock participates equally after the class A stock receives $100 per share. Corporation Q has no accumulated earnings and profits. In 1971 it earned $10,000, the highest earnings in its history. The corporation is in an industry in which it is reasonable to anticipate a growth in earnings of 5 percent per year. In 1971 the book value of corporation Q's assets totalled $100,000. In that year the corporation paid a dividend of $5 per share to the class B stock and $.50 per share to the class A. In 1972 the corporation had no earnings and in lieu of a $5 dividend distributed one share of class B stock for each outstanding share of class B. No distribution was made to the class A stock. Since, in 1972, it was not reasonable to anticipate that the class B stock would participate in the current and anticipated earnings and growth of the corporation beyond its preferred interest, the class B stock is preferred stock and the distribution of class B shares to the class B shareholders is a distribution to which sections 305(b)(4) and 301 apply.

Example (*9*). Corporation P is organized with 10,000 shares of class A stock and 1,000 shares of class B stock. The terms of the class B stock require that the class B have a preference of $5 per share with respect to dividends and $100 per share with respect to liquidation. In addition, upon a distribution of $5 per share to the class A stock, class B participates equally in any additional dividends. The terms also provide that upon liquidation the class B stock participates equally after the class A receives $100 per share. Corporation P has accumulated earnings and profits of $100,000. In 1971 it earned $75,000. The corporation is in an industry in which it is reasonable to anticipate a growth in earnings of 10 percent per year. In 1971 the book value of corporation P's assets totalled $5 million. In that year the corporation paid a dividend of $5 per share to the class B stock, $5 per share to the class A stock, and it distributed an additional $1 per share to both class A and class B stock. In 1972 the corporation had earnings of $82,500. In that year it paid a dividend of $5 per share to the class B stock and $5 per share to the class A stock. In addition, the corporation declared stock dividends of one share of class B stock for every 10 outstanding shares of class B and one share of class A stock for every 10 outstanding shares of class A. Since, in 1972, it was reasonable to anticipate that both the class B stock and the class A stock would participate in the current and anticipated earnings and growth of the corporation beyond their preferred interests, neither class is preferred stock and the stock dividends are not distributions to which section 305(b)(4) applies.

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§ 1.305-6 Distributions of convertible preferred.

(a) *In general.* (1) Under section 305(b)(5), a distribution by a corporation of its convertible preferred stock or rights to acquire such stock made or considered as made with respect to its stock is treated as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies unless the corporation establishes that such distribution will not result in a disproportionate distribution as described in § 1.305-3.

(2) The distribution of convertible preferred stock is likely to result in a disproportionate distribution when both of the following conditions exist: (i) The conversion right must be exercised within a relatively short period of time after the date of distribution of the stock; and (ii) taking into account such factors as the dividend rate, the redemption provisions, the marketability of the convertible stock, and the conversion price, it may be anticipated that some shareholders will exercise their conversion rights and some will not. On the other hand, where the conversion right may be exercised over a period of many years and the dividend rate is consistent with market conditions at the time of distribution of the stock, there is no basis for predicting at what time and the extent to which the stock will be converted and it is unlikely that a disproportionate distribution will result.

(b) *Examples.* The application of section 305(b)(5) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (*1*). Corporation Z is organized with one class of stock, class A common. During the year the corporation declares a dividend on the class A stock payable in newly authorized class B preferred stock which is convertible into class A stock for a period of 20 years from the date of issuance. Assuming dividend rates are normal in light of existing conditions so that there is no basis for predicting the extent to which the stock will be converted, the circumstances will ordinarily be sufficient to establish that a disproportionate distribution will not result since it is impossible to predict the extent to which the class B stock will be converted into class A stock. Accordingly, the distribution of class B stock is not one to which section 301 applies.

Example (*2*). Corporation X is organized with one class of stock, class A common. During the year the corporation declares a dividend on the class A stock payable in newly authorized redeemable class C preferred stock which is convertible into class A common stock no later than 4 months from the date of distribution at a price slightly higher than the market price of class A stock on the date of distribution. By prearrangement with corporation X, corporation Y, an insurance company, agrees to purchase class C stock from any shareholder who does not wish to convert. By reason of this prearrangement, it is anticipated that the shareholders will either sell the class C stock to the insurance company (which expects to retain the shares for investment purposes) or will convert. As a result, some of the shareholders exercise their conversion privilege and receive additional shares of class A stock, while other shareholders sell their class C stock to corporation Y and receive cash. The distribution is a distribution to which section 301 applies since it results in the receipt of property by some shareholders and an increase in the proportionate interests of other shareholders.

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§ 1.305-7 Certain transactions treated as distributions.

(a) *In general.* Under section 305(c), a change in conversion ratio, a change in redemption price, a difference between redemption price and issue price, a redemption which is treated as a distribution to which section 301 applies, or any transaction (including a recapitalization) having a similar effect on the interest of any shareholder may be treated as a distribution with respect to any shareholder whose proportionate interest in the earnings and profits or assets of the corporation is increased by such change, difference, redemption, or similar transaction. In general, such change, difference, redemption, or similar transaction will be treated as a distribution to which sections 305(b) and 301 apply where—

(1) The proportionate interest of any shareholder in the earnings and profits or assets of the corporation deemed to have made such distribution is increased by such change, difference, redemption, or similar transaction; and

(2) Such distribution has the result described in paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5) of section 305(b).

Where such change, difference, redemption, or similar transaction is treated as a distribution under the provisions of this section, such distribution will be deemed made with respect to any shareholder whose interest in the earnings and profits or assets of the distributing corporation is increased thereby. Such distribution will be deemed to be a distribution of the stock of such corporation made by the corporation to such shareholder with respect to his stock. Depending upon the facts presented, the distribution may be deemed to be made in common or preferred stock. For example, where a redemption price in excess of a reasonable call premium exists with respect to a class of preferred stock and the other requirements of this section are also met, the distribution will be deemed made with respect to such preferred stock, in stock of the same class. Accordingly, the preferred shareholders are considered under sections 305(b)(4) and 305(c) to have received a distribution of preferred stock to which section 301 applies. See the examples in §§ 1.305-3(e) and 1.305-5(d) for further illustrations of the application of section 305(c).

(b) *Antidilution provisions.* (1) For purposes of applying section 305(c) in conjunction with section 305(b), a change in the conversion ratio or conversion price of convertible preferred stock (or securities), or in the exercise price of rights or warrants, made pursuant to a bona fide, reasonable, adjustment formula (including, but not limited to, either the so-called "market price" or "conversion price" type of formulas) which has the effect of preventing dilution of the interest of the holders of such stock (or securities) will not be considered to result in a deemed distribution of stock. An adjustment in the conversion ratio or price to compensate for cash or property distributions to other shareholders that are taxable under section 301, 356(a)(2), 871(a)(1)(A), 881(a)(1), 852(b), or 857(b) will not be considered as made pursuant to a bona fide adjustment formula.

(2) The principles of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (i) Corporation U has two classes of stock outstanding, class A and class B. Each class B share is convertible into class A stock. In accordance with a bonafide, reasonable, antidilution provision, the conversion price is adjusted if the corporation transfers class A stock to anyone for a consideration that is below the conversion price.

(ii) The corporation sells class A stock to the public at the current market price but below the conversion price. Pursuant to the antidilution provision, the conversion price is adjusted downward. Such a change in conversion price will not be deemed to be a distribution under section 305(c) for the purposes of section 305(b).

(c) *Recapitalizations.* (1) A recapitalization (whether or not an isolated transaction) will be deemed to result in a distribution to which section 305(c) and this section apply if—

(i) It is pursuant to a plan to periodically increase a shareholder's proportionate interest in the assets or earnings and profits of the corporation, or

(ii) A shareholder owning preferred stock with dividends in arrears exchanges his stock for other stock and, as a result, increases his proportionate interest in the assets or earnings and profits of the corporation. An increase in a preferred shareholder's proportionate interest occurs in any case where the fair market value or the liquidation preference, whichever is greater, of the stock received in the exchange (determined immediately following the recapitalization), exceeds the issue price of the preferred stock surrendered.

(2) In a case to which subparagraph (1)(ii) of this paragraph applies, the amount of the distribution deemed under section 305(c) to result from the recapitalization is the lesser of (i) the amount by which the fair market value or the liquidation preference, whichever is greater, of the stock received in the exchange (determined immediately following the recapitalization) exceeds the issue price of the preferred stock surrendered, or (ii) the amount of the dividends in arrears.

(3) For purposes of applying subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph with respect to stock issued before July 12, 1973, the term "issue price of the preferred stock surrendered" shall mean the greater of the issue price or the liquidation preference (not including dividends in arrears) of the stock surrendered.

(4) For an illustration of the application of this paragraph, see example (12) of § 1.305-3(e) and examples (1), (2), (3), and (6) of § 1.305-5(d).

(5) For rules relating to redemption premiums on preferred stock, see § 1.305-5(b).

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§ 1.305-8 Effective dates.

(a) *In general.* Section 421(b) of the Tax Reform Act of 1969 (83 Stat. 615) provides as follows:

(b) *Effective dates.* (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to distributions (or deemed distributions) made after January 10, 1969, in taxable years ending after such date.

(2) (A) Section 305(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (as added by subsection (a) shall not apply to a distribution (or deemed distribution) of stock made before January 1, 1991, with respect to stock (i) outstanding on January 10, 1969, (ii) issued pursuant to a contract binding on January 10, 1969, on the distributing corporation, (iii) which is additional stock of that class of stock which (as of January 10, 1969) had the largest fair market value of all classes of stock of the corporation (taking into account only stock outstanding on January 10, 1969, or issued pursuant to a contract binding on January 10, 1969), (iv) described in subparagraph (c)(iii), or (v) issued in a prior distribution described in clause (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv).

(B) Subparagraph (A) shall apply only if—

(i) The stock as to which there is a receipt of property was outstanding on January 10, 1969 (or was issued pursuant to a contract binding on January 10, 1969, on the distributing corporation), and

(ii) If such stock and any stock described in subparagraph (A)(i) were also outstanding on January 10, 1968, a distribution of property was made on or before January 10, 1969, with respect to such stock, and a distribution of stock was made on or before January 10, 1969, with respect to such stock described in subparagraph (A)(i).

(C) Subparagraph (A) shall cease to apply when at any time after October 9, 1969, the distributing corporation issues any of its stock (other than in a distribution of stock with respect to stock of the same class) which is not—

(i) Nonconvertible preferred stock,

(ii) Additional stock of that class of stock which meets the requirements of subparagraph (A)(iii), or

(iii) Preferred stock which is convertible into stock which meets the requirements of subparagraph (A)(iii) at a fixed conversion ratio which takes account of all stock dividends and stock splits with respect to the stock into which such convertible stock is convertible.

(D) For purposes of this paragraph, the term "stock" includes rights to acquire such stock.

(3) In cases to which Treasury Decision 6990 (promulgated January 10, 1969) would not have applied, in applying paragraphs (1) and (2) April 22, 1969, shall be substituted for January 10, 1969.

(4) Section 305(b)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (as added by subsection (a)) shall not apply to any distribution (or

deemed distribution) with respect to preferred stock (including any increase in the conversation ratio of convertible stock) made before January 1, 1991, pursuant to the terms relating to the issuance of such stock which were in effect on January 10, 1969.

(5) With respect to distributions made or considered as made after January 10, 1969, in taxable years ending after such date, to the extent that the amendment made by subsection (a) does not apply by reason of paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection, section 305 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (as in effect before the amendment made by subsection (a)) shall continue to apply.

(b) *Rules of application.* (1) The rules contained in section 421(b)(2) of the Tax Reform Act of 1969 (83 Stat. 615), hereinafter called "the Act", shall apply with respect to the application of section 305(b)(2), section 305(b)(3), and section 305(b)(5). Thus, for example, section 305(b)(5) of the Code will not apply to a distribution of convertible preferred stock made before January 1, 1991, with respect to stock outstanding on January 10, 1969 (or which was issued pursuant to a contract binding on the distributing corporation on January 10, 1969), provided the distribution is pursuant to the terms relating to the issuance of such stock which were in effect on January 10, 1969.

(2)(i) For purposes of section 421(b)(2) (A), (B)(i), and (C) of the Act, stock is considered as outstanding on January 10, 1969, if it could be acquired on such date or some future date by the exercise of a right or conversion privilege in existence on such date (including a right or conversion privilege with respect to stock issued pursuant to a contract binding, on January 10, 1969, on the distributing corporation). Thus, if on January 10, 1969, corporation X has outstanding 1,000 shares of class A common stock and 3,000 shares of class B common stock which are convertible on a one-to-one basis into class A stock, corporation X is considered for purposes of section 421(b)(2) (A), (B)(i), and (C) of the Act to have outstanding on January 10, 1969, 4,000 shares of class A stock (1,000 shares actually outstanding and 3,000 shares that could be acquired by the exercise of the conversion privilege contained in the class B stock) and 3,000 shares of class B stock.

(ii) For the purposes of section 421(b)(2)(A) (other than for the purpose of determining under section 421(b)(2)(A)(iii) that class of stock which as of January 10, 1969, had the largest fair market value of all classes of stock of the corporation), (B)(i), and (C) of the Act, stock will be considered as outstanding on January 10, 1969, if it is issued pursuant to a conversion privilege contained in stock issued, mediately or immediately, as a stock dividend with respect to stock outstanding on January 10, 1969.

(3) If, after applying subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the class of stock which as of January 10, 1969, had the largest fair market value of all classes of stock of the corporation is a class of stock which is convertible into another class of nonconvertible stock, then for purposes of section 421(b)(2)(C)(ii) of the Act stock issued upon conversion of any such convertible stock (whether or not outstanding on January 10, 1969) into stock of such other class shall be deemed to be stock which meets the requirements of section 421(b)(2)(A)(iii) of the Act.

(4) For purposes of section 421(b) of the Act, stock of a corporation held in its treasury will not be considered as outstanding and a distribution of such stock will be considered to be an issuance of such stock on the date of distribution. Stock of a parent corporation held by its subsidiary is not considered treasury stock.

(5) The following stock shall not be taken into account for purposes of applying section 421(b)(2)(B)(i) of the Act: (i) Stock issued after January 10, 1969, and before October 10, 1969 (other than stock which was issued pursuant to a contract binding on January 10, 1969, on the distributing corporation); (ii) stock described in section 421(b)(2)(C) (i), (ii), or (iii) of the Act; and (iii) stock issued, mediately or immediately, as a stock dividend with respect to stock of the same class outstanding on January 10, 1969. For example, if on June 1, 1970, corporation Y issues additional stock of that class of stock which as of January 10, 1969, had the largest fair market value of all classes of stock of the corporation,

such additional stock will not be taken into account for the purpose of meeting the requirement under section 421(b)(2)(B)(i) of the Act that the stock as to which there is a receipt of property must have been outstanding on January 10, 1969, and thus subparagraph (A) of section 421(b)(2) of the Act will not, where otherwise applicable, cease to apply.

(6) Section 421(b)(2)(A) of the Act, if otherwise applicable, will not cease to apply if the distributing corporation issues after October 9, 1969, securities which are convertible into stock that meets the requirements of section 421(b)(2)(A)(iii) of the Act at a fixed conversion ratio which takes account of all stock dividends and stock splits with respect to the stock into which the securities are convertible.

(7) Under section 421(b)(4) of the Act, section 305(b)(4) does not apply to any distribution (or deemed distribution) by a corporation with respect to preferred stock made before January 1, 1991, if such distribution is pursuant to the terms relating to the issuance of such stock which were in effect on January 10, 1969. For example, if as of January 10, 1969, a corporation had followed the practice of paying stock dividends on preferred stock (or of periodically increasing the conversion ratio of convertible preferred stock) or if the preferred stock provided for a redemption price in excess of the issue price, then section 305(b)(4) would not apply to any distribution of stock made (or which would be considered made if section 305(b)(4) applied) before January 1, 1991, pursuant to such practice.

(8) If section 421(b)(2) is not applicable and, for that reason, a distribution (or deemed distribution) is treated as a distribution to which section 301 applies by virtue of the application of section 305(b)(2), (b)(3), or (b)(5), it is irrelevant that, by reason of the application of section 421(b)(4) of such Act, section 305(b)(4) is not applicable to the distribution.

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§ 1.306-1 General.

(a) Section 306 provides, in general, that the proceeds from the sale or redemption of certain stock (referred to as "section 306 stock") shall be treated either as ordinary income or as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies. Section 306 stock is defined in section 306(c) and is usually preferred stock received either as a nontaxable dividend or in a transaction in which no gain or loss is recognized. Section 306(b) lists certain circumstances in which the special rules of section 306(a) shall not apply.

(b) (1) If a shareholder sells or otherwise disposes of section 306 stock (other than by redemption or within the exceptions listed in section 306(b)), the entire proceeds received from such disposition shall be treated as ordinary income to the extent that the fair market value of the stock sold, on the date distributed to the shareholder, would have been a dividend to such shareholder had the distributing corporation distributed cash in lieu of stock. Any excess of the amount received over the sum of the amount treated as ordinary income plus the adjusted basis of the stock disposed of, shall be treated as gain from the sale of a capital asset or noncapital asset as the case may be. No loss shall be recognized. No reduction of earnings and profits results from any disposition of stock other than a redemption. The term "disposition" under section 306(a)(1) includes, among other things, pledges of stock under certain circumstances, particularly where the pledgee can look only to the stock itself as its security.

(2) Section 306(a)(1) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). On December 15, 1954, A and B owned equally all of the stock of Corporation X which files its income tax return on a calendar year basis. On that date Corporation X distributed pro rata 100 shares of preferred stock as a dividend on its outstanding common stock. On December 15, 1954, the preferred stock had a fair market value of $10,000. On December 31, 1954, the earnings and profits of Corporation X were $20,000. The 50 shares of preferred stock so distributed to A had an allocated basis to him of $10 per share or a total of $500 for the 50 shares. Such shares had a fair market value of $5,000 when issued. A sold the 50 shares of preferred stock on July 1, 1955, for $6,000. Of this amount $5,000 will be treated as ordinary income; $500 ($6,000 minus $5,500) will be treated as gain from the sale of a capital or noncapital asset as the case may be.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in Example 1 except that A sold his 50 shares of preferred stock for $5,100. Of this amount $5,000 will be treated as ordinary income. No loss will be allowed. There will be added back to the basis of the common stock of Corporation X with respect to which the preferred stock was distributed, $400, the allocated basis of $500 reduced by the $100 received.

Example (3). The facts are the same as in example 1 except that A sold 25 of his shares of preferred stock for $2,600. Of this amount $2,500 will be treated as ordinary income. No loss will be allowed. There will be added back to the basis of the common stock of Corporation X with respect to which the preferred stock was distributed, $150, the allocated basis of $250 reduced by the $100 received.

(c) The entire amount received by a shareholder from the redemption of section 306 stock shall be treated as a distribution of property under section 301. See also section 303 (relating to distribution in redemption of stock to pay death taxes).

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§ 1.306-2 Exception.

(a) If a shareholder terminates his entire stock interest in a corporation—

(1) By a sale or other disposition within the requirements of section 306(b)(1)(A), or

(2) By redemption under section 302(b)(3) (through the application of section 306(b)(1)(B)),

the amount received from such disposition shall be treated as an amount received in part or full payment for the stock sold or redeemed. In the case of a sale, only the stock interest need be terminated. In determining whether an entire stock interest has been terminated under section 306(b)(1)(A), all of the provisions of section 318(a) (relating to constructive ownership of stock) shall be applicable. In determining whether a shareholder has terminated his entire interest in a corporation by a redemption of his stock under section 302(b)(3), all of the provisions of section 318(a) shall be applicable unless the shareholder meets the requirements of section 302(c)(2) (relating to termination of all interest in the corporation). If the requirements of section 302(c)(2) are met, section 318(a)(1) (relating to members of a family) shall be inapplicable. Under all circumstances paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 318(a) shall be applicable.

(b) Section 306(a) does not apply to—

(1) Redemptions of section 306 stock pursuant to a partial or complete liquidation of a corporation to which part II (section 331 and following), subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code applies,

(2) Exchanges of section 306 stock solely for stock in connection with a reorganization or in an exchange under section 351, 355, or section 1036 (relating to exchanges of stock for stock in the same corporation) to the extent that gain or loss is not recognized to the shareholder as the result of the exchange of the stock (see paragraph (d) of § 1.306-3 relative to the receipt of other property), and

(3) A disposition or redemption, if it is established to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the distribution, and the disposition or redemption, was not in pursuance of a plan having as one of its principal purposes the avoidance of Federal income tax. However, in the case of a prior or simultaneous disposition (or redemption) of the stock with respect to which the section 306 stock disposed of (or redeemed) was issued, it is not necessary to establish that the distribution was not in pursuance of such a plan. For example, in the absence of such a plan and of any other facts the first sentence of this subparagraph would be applicable to the case of dividends and isolated dispositions of section 306 stock by minority shareholders. Similarly, in the absence of such a plan and of any other facts, if a shareholder received a distribution of 100 shares of section 306 stock on his holdings of 100 shares of voting common stock in a corporation and sells his voting common stock before he disposes of his section 306 stock, the subsequent disposition of his section 306 stock would not ordinarily be considered a disposition one of the principal purposes of which is the avoidance of Federal income tax.

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§ 1.306-3 Section 306 stock defined.

(a) For the purpose of subchapter C, chapter 1 of the code, the term "section 306 stock" means stock which meets the requirements of section 306(c)(1). Any class of stock distributed to a shareholder in a transaction in which no amount is includible in the income of the shareholder or no gain or loss is recognized may be section 306 stock, if a distribution of money by the distributing corporation in lieu of such stock would have been a dividend in whole or in part. However, except as provided in section 306(g), if no part of a distribution of money by the distributing corporation in lieu of such stock would have been a dividend, the stock distributed will not constitute section 306 stock.

(b) For the purpose of section 306, rights to acquire stock shall be treated as stock. Such rights shall not be section 306 stock if no part of the distribution would have been a dividend if money had been distributed in lieu of the rights. When stock is acquired by the exercise of rights which are treated at section 306 stock, the stock acquired is section 306 stock. Upon the disposition of such stock (other than by redemption or within the exceptions listed in section 306(b)), the proceeds received from the disposition shall be treated as ordinary income to the extent that the fair market value of the stock rights, on the date distributed to the shareholder, would have been a dividend to the shareholder had the distributing corporation distributed cash in lieu of stock rights. Any excess of the amount realized over the sum of the amount treated as ordinary income plus the adjusted basis of the stock, shall be treated as gain from the sale of the stock.

(c) Section 306(c)(1)(A) provides that section 306 stock is any stock (other than common issued with respect to common) distributed to the shareholder selling or otherwise disposing thereof if, under section 305(a) (relating to distributions of stock and stock rights) any part of the distribution was not included in the gross income of the distributee.

(d) Section 306(c)(1)(B) includes in the definition of section 306 stock any stock except common stock, which is received by a shareholder in connection with a reorganization under section 368 or in a distribution or exchange under section 355 (or so much of section 356 as relates to section 355) provided the effect of the transaction is substantially the same as the receipt of a stock dividend, or the stock is received in exchange for section 306 stock. If, in a transaction to which section 356 is applicable, a shareholder exchanges section 306 stock for stock and money or other property, the entire amount of such money and of the fair market value of the other property (not limited to the gain recognized) shall be treated as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies. Common stock received in exchange for section 306 stock in a recapitalization shall not be considered section 306 stock. Ordinarily, section 306 stock includes stock which is not common stock received in pursuance of a plan of reorganization (within the meaning of section 368(a)) or received in a distribution or exchange to which section 355 (or so much of section 356 as relates to section 355) applies if cash received in lieu of such stock would have been treated as a dividend under section 356(a)(2) or would have been treated as a distribution to which section 301 applies by virtue of section 356(b) or section 302(d). The application of the preceding sentence is illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation A, having only common stock outstanding, is merged in a statutory merger (qualifying as a reorganization under section 368(a)) with Corporation B. Pursuant to such merger, the shareholders of Corporation A received both common and preferred stock in Corporation B. The preferred stock received by such shareholders is section 306 stock.

Example (2). X and Y each own one-half of the 2,000 outstanding shares of preferred stock and one-half of the 2,000 outstanding shares of common stock of Corporation C. Pursuant to a reorganization within the meaning of section 368(a)(1)(E) (recapitalization) each shareholder exchanges his preferred stock for preferred stock of a new issue which is not substantially different from the preferred stock previously held. Unless the preferred stock exchanged was itself section 306 stock the preferred stock received is not section 306 stock.

(e) Section 306(c)(1)(C) includes in the definition of section 306 stock any stock (except as provided in section 306(c)(1)(B)) the basis of which in the hands of the person disposing of such stock, is determined by reference to section 306 stock held by such shareholder or any other person. Under this paragraph common stock can be section 306 stock. Thus, if a person owning section 306 stock in Corporation A transfers it to Corporation B which is controlled by him in exchange for common stock of Corporation B in a transaction to which section 351 is applicable, the common stock so received by him would be section 306 stock and subject to the provisions of section 306(a) on its disposition. In addition, the section 306 stock transferred is section 306 stock in the hands of Corporation B, the transferee. Section 306 stock transferred by gift remains section 306 stock in the hands of the donee. Stock received in exchange for section 306 stock under section 1036(a) (relating to exchange of stock for stock in the same corporation) or under so much of section 1031(b) as relates to section 1036(a) becomes section 306 stock and acquires, for purposes of section 306, the characteristics of the section 306 stock exchanged. The entire amount of the fair market value of the other property received in such transaction shall be considered as received upon a disposition (other than a redemption) to which section 306(a) applies. Section 306 stock ceases to be so classified if the basis of such stock is determined by reference to its fair market value on the date of the decedent-stockholder's death or the optional valuation date under section 1014.

(f) If section 306 stock which was distributed with respect to common stock is exchanged for common stock in the same corporation (whether or not such exchange is pursuant to a conversion privilege contained in section 306 stock), such common stock shall not be section 306 stock. This paragraph applies to exchanges not coming within the purview of section 306(c)(1)(B). Common stock which is convertible into stock other than common stock or into property, shall not be considered common stock. It is immaterial whether the conversion privilege is contained in the stock or in some type of collateral agreement.

(g) If there is a substantial change in the terms and conditions of any stock, then, for the purpose of this section—

(1) The fair market value of such stock shall be the fair market value at the time of distribution or the fair market value at the time of such change, whichever is higher;

(2) Such stock's ratable share of the amount which would have been a dividend if money had been distributed in lieu of stock shall be determined by reference to the time of distribution or by reference to the time of such change, whichever ratable share is higher; and

(3) Section 306(c)(2) shall be inapplicable if there would have been a dividend to any extent if money had been distributed in lieu of the stock either at the time of the distribution or at the time of such change.

(h) When section 306 stock is disposed of, the amount treated under section 306(a)(1)(A) as ordinary income, for the purposes of part I, subchapter N, chapter 1 of the Code, be treated as derived from the same source as would have been the source if money had been received from the corporation as a dividend at the time of the distribution of such stock. If the amount is determined to be derived from sources within the United States, the amount shall be considered to be fixed or determinable annual or periodic gains, profits, and income within the meaning of section 871(a) or section 881(a), relating, respectively, to the tax on nonresident alien individuals and on foreign corporations not engaged in business in the United States.

(i) Section 306 shall be inapplicable to stock received before June 22, 1954, and to stock received on or after June 22, 1954, in transactions subject to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939.

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§ 1.307-1 General.

(a) If a shareholder receives stock or stock rights as a distribution on stock previously held and under section 305 such distribution is not includible in gross income then, except as provided in section 307(b) and § 1.307-2, the basis of the stock with respect to which the distribution was made shall be allocated between the old and new stocks or rights in proportion to the fair market values of each on the date of distribution. If a shareholder receives stock or stock rights as a distribution on stock previously held and pursuant to section 305 part of the distribution is not includible in gross income, then (except as provided in section 307(b) and § 1.307-2) the basis of the stock with respect to which the distribution is made shall be allocated between (1) the old stock and (2) that part of the new stock or rights which is not includible in gross income, in proportion to the fair market values of each on the date of distribution. The date of distribution in each case shall be the date the stock or the rights are distributed to the stockholder and not the record date. The general rule will apply with respect to stock rights only if such rights are exercised or sold.

(b) The application of paragraph (a) of this section is illustrated by the following example:

Example. A taxpayer in 1947 purchased 100 shares of common stock at $100 per share and in 1954 by reason of the ownership of such stock acquired 100 rights entitling him to subscribe to 100 additional shares of such stock at $90 a share. Immediately after the issuance of the rights, each of the shares of stock in respect of which the rights were acquired had a fair market value, ex-rights, of $110 and the rights had a fair market value of $19 each. The basis of the rights and the common stock for the purpose of determining the basis for gain or loss on a subsequent sale or exercise of the rights or a sale of the old stock is computed as follows:

100 (shares)×$100=$10,000, cost of old stock (stock in respect of which the rights were acquired).

100 (shares)×$110=$11,000, market value of old stock.

100 (rights)×$19=$1,900, market value of rights.

11,000/12,900 of $10,000=$8,527.13, cost of old stock apportioned to such stock.

1,900/12,900 of $10,000=$1,472.87, cost of old stock apportioned to rights.

If the rights are sold, the basis for determining gain or loss will be $14.7287 per right. If the rights are exercised, the basis of the new stock acquired will be the subscription price paid therefor ($90) plus the basis of the rights exercised ($14.7287 each) or $104.7287 per share. The remaining basis of the old stock for the purpose of determining gain or loss on a subsequent sale will be $85.2713 per share.

§ 1.307-2 Exception.

The basis of rights to buy stock which are excluded from gross income under section 305(a), shall be zero if the fair market value of such rights on the date of distribution is less than 15 percent of the fair market value of the old stock on that date, unless the shareholder elects to allocate part of the basis of the old stock to the rights as provided in paragraph (a) of § 1.307-1. The election shall be made by a shareholder with respect to all the rights received by him in a particular distribution in respect of all the stock of the same class owned by him in the issuing corporation at the time of such distribution. Such election to allocate basis to rights shall be in the form of a statement attached to the shareholder's return for the year in which the rights are received. This election, once made, shall be irrevocable with respect to the rights for which the election was made. Any shareholder making such an election shall retain a copy of the election and of the tax return with which it was filed, in order to substantiate the use of an allocated basis upon a subsequent disposition of the stock acquired by exercise.

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§ 1.311-1 General.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 311, section 453(d) (relating to installment obligations) and such other provisions of the Code as sections 341(f), 617(d), 1245(a), 1250(a), 1251(c), and 1252(a), no gain or loss is recognized to a corporation on the distribution, with respect to its stock, of stock, or rights to acquire its stock, or property (regardless of the fact that such property may have appreciated or depreciated in value since its acquisition by the corporation). However, the proceeds of the sale of property in form made by a shareholder receiving such property in kind from the corporation may be imputed to the corporation if, in substance the corporation made the sale. Moreover, where property is distributed by a corporation, which distribution is in effect an anticipatory assignment of income, such income may be taxable to the corporation. The term "distributions with respect to its stock" includes distributions made in redemption of stock (other than distributions in complete or partial liquidations). See, however, paragraph (e) of this section for distributions to which section 311 does not apply. For the rule respecting the taxation of a corporation making a distribution of property in partial or complete liquidation, see section 336.

(b) In any case in which a corporation distributes with respect to its stock assets which have been part of an inventory, the value of which has been computed for income tax purposes under the method provided in section 472 (relating to last-in, first-out inventories), such corporation shall—

(1) Compute the amount of its inventory under the method provided in section 472 immediately prior to the distribution and immediately after such distribution;

(2) Compute the difference between the two amounts described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph;

(3) Compute the amount of its inventory under the method authorized by section 471 (relating to general rule for inventories) immediately prior to the distribution and immediately after such distribution:

(4) Compute the difference between the two amounts determined under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph.

If the amount computed under subparagraph (4) of this paragraph is in excess of the amount computed under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, then such excess shall, under section 311(b), be included in the income of the corporation for the year in which such distribution occurs. In any case in which a corporation distributes assets which have been a part of an inventory whose value has been computed for income tax purposes under the method provided in section 472, such corporation shall on the date of distribution record a specific statement of the amount of its inventory under each of the applicable methods for use in the determination of the amount of income includible under section 311. Section 311(b) and this paragraph do not apply to any distribution which is governed by section 311(d)(1).

(c) The following example illustrates the application of section 311(b):

Example. Corporation R, a manufacturing corporation inventorying goods under the method provided in section 472, distributes 200 units of its inventory assets to its shareholders on November 15, 1955. Immediately before the distribution, the corporation held 300 identical inventory units at the following basis determined by reference to the value computed by using the LIFO method and the value computed by using the FIFO method, in the order of acquisition:

No. of units	Basis LIFO
a. 100	$1,000
b. 100	2,000
c. 50	1,000
d. 50	2,000
	Basis FIFO
100	$4,000
50	2,500
50	2,500
100	6,000

The amount includible in income pursuant to section 311(b) is $4,000 computed as follows:

(1) Inventory before distribution under FIFO method (a, b, c, and d)	$15,000	
(2) Inventory under FIFO method immediately after distribution (d)	6,000	
(3) Difference (FIFO basis of inventory distributed		$9,000
(4) Inventory before distribution under LIFO method (a, b, c and d)	$6,000	
(5) Inventory under LIFO method immediately after distribution (a)	1,000	
(6) Difference (LIFO basis of inventory distributed)		5,000
(7) Amount includible in income under section 311(b)		4,000

(d) Section 311(c) provides in general for the inclusion in the income of a corporation, on a distribution of property by such corporation to its shareholders, of an amount equal to the excess of a liability over the basis of the property distributed. Thus, section 311(c) applies where the property distributed is subject to a liability or where the shareholder assumes a liability of the corporation in connection with the distribution. For example, if property which is a capital asset having an adjusted basis to the distributing corporation of $100 and a fair market value of $1,000 (but subject to a liability of $900) is distributed to a shareholder, such distribution is taxable (as long-term or short-term gain, as the case may be) to the corporation to the extent of the excess of the liability ($900) over the adjusted basis ($100) or $800. However, if in the preceding example the fair market value of the property distributed were $800, the amount taxable to the corporation is limited to the excess of the fair market value of the property ($800) over its adjusted basis ($100) or $700. If the property subject to a liability were not a capital asset in the hands of the distributing corporation, the gain would be taxable as gain from the sale of a noncapital asset. The holding period of assets so distributed shall be determined as if such property were sold on the date of the distribution. Section 311(c) and this paragraph do not apply to any distribution which is governed by section 311(d)(1).

(e) (1) Section 311 is limited to distributions which are made by reason of the corporation-stockholder relationship. Section 311 does not apply to transactions between a corporation and a shareholder in his capacity as debtor, creditor, employee, or vendee, where the fact that such debtor, creditor, employee, or vendee is a shareholder is incidental to the transaction. Thus, if the corporation receives its own stock as consideration upon the sale of property by it, or in satisfaction of indebtedness to it, the gain or loss resulting is to be computed in the same manner as though the payment had been made in any other property.

(2) The following examples illustrate the application of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph:

Example (1). Corporation A has a claim against Corporation B for damages for loss of profits due to patent infringement. Corporation B satisfies such claim by surrendering shares of the stock of Corporation A to Corporation A. The fair market value of such stock is includible in the gross income of Corporation A.

Example (2). Corporation C, a corporation engaged in the manufacture and sale of automobiles, sells an automobile to individual X, and receives in payment therefor shares of the stock of Corporation C. The transaction will be treated in the same manner as if an amount of cash equal to the fair market value of such stock had been received by Corporation C.

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§ 1.311-2 Appreciated property used to redeem stock.

(a) *In general.* (1) Section 311(d)(1) provides, in general, that gain is recognized to a corporation which distributes appreciated property (other than an obligation of such corporation) to its shareholders after November 30, 1969, in a redemption (as defined in section 317(b) of its stock to which subpart A, part I, subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code applies, regardless of whether the redemption is treated as a distribution of property to which section 301 applies. Paragraphs (b) through (i) of this section contain exceptions and limitations provided by section 311(d)(2) and section 905(c) of the Tax Reform Act of 1969 to the application of section 311(d)(1). These exceptions and limitations prevent the recognition of gain to a corporation upon a distribution of appreciated property, but do not broaden the general nonrecognition provisions of section 311(a). Thus, for example, if the proceeds of the sale of property in form made by a shareholder, who received such property from a corporation, are imputed to the corporation (see § 1.311-1(a)), the exceptions and limitations of section 311(d)(2) would have no application.

(2) Section 311(d) applies only where there is an actual redemption of stock as a result of the distribution. Thus,

section 311(d) does not apply where there is a distribution of appreciated property pro rata among all shareholders and such shareholders do not transfer any of their stock to the distributing corporation in exchange for such property even though the effect of the transaction would have been the same if there had been actual redemptions. Section 311(d) applies where an acquisition of stock by a corporation is treated under section 304 as a distribution in redemption of the stock of either the acquiring or issuing corporation. Section 311(d)(1) does not apply to a distribution in partial or complete liquidation of a corporation (see sections 331 through 346). In general, the section does not apply to a distribution pursuant to a reorganization to which part III or IV of subchapter C applies or to a distribution of stock or securities of a controlled corporation to which section 355 (or so much of section 356 as relates to section 355) applies. However, if the distribution is in substance a redemption, section 311(d) will apply. Thus, if one class of shareholders exchanges preferred stock for a lesser amount of new preferred stock (having similar rights and privileges) and for other property, the transaction will be considered a redemption for purposes of section 311(d) rather than a distribution pursuant to a reorganization to which part III or IV of subchapter C would apply.

(3) For purposes of this section, the term "appreciated property" means any property whose fair market value on the date of distribution exceeds its adjusted basis in the hands of the distributing corporation. For purposes of determining the amount of gain which will be recognized under this section, gain realized from the distribution of appreciated property shall not be offset by any loss realized from the distribution of property whose adjusted basis exceeds its fair market value. The amount and nature of gain recognized to a corporation which distributes appreciated property shall be determined as if such property were sold for its fair market value on the date of distribution. The nature of such gain shall be determined by reference to all applicable provisions of law, including section 1245.

(b) *Complete redemption of a 10-percent shareholder.* (1) Section 311(d)(2)(A) provides that section 311(d)(1) shall not apply to a distribution in complete redemption of all the stock of a "10-percent shareholder," provided such distribution qualifies as a redemption in complete termination of such shareholder's interest under section 302(b)(3). Sales and redemptions of stock which are substantially contemporaneous in time and pursuant to a single plan shall be treated as having occurred simultaneously for purposes of determining whether a complete redemption has occurred and whether the distributee is a "10-percent shareholder". For purposes of this paragraph, section 318(a)(1) shall not apply with respect to a distribution described in section 302(b)(3) where section 302(c)(2)(B) does not apply and where immediately after the distribution the distributee has no interest in the corporation (including an interest as an officer, director, or employee) other than an interest as a creditor.

(2) A "10-percent shareholder," for purposes of this paragraph, is a person who, at all times within the 12-month period ending on the date of distribution, owned at least 10 percent of the fair market value of all the outstanding stock of the distributing corporation. For purposes of this paragraph, the ownership of stock shall be determined without the application of section 318 (relating to constructive ownership of stock), and where under the provisions of subpart E, part I, subchapter J, of the Code, any person is treated as the owner of any portion of a trust, stock owned by such trust shall not be considered as owned by such person. For purposes of this paragraph, a person shall be considered to have owned stock during the period he is considered to have held the stock by reason of the application of section 1223 but where, under the provisions of subpart E, part I, subchapter J, of the Code, any person is treated as the owner of any portion of a trust, the holding period of such trust for any of its stock shall not in-

clude the holding period of such person.

(c) *Distribution of stock of controlled corporation.* (1) Section 311(d)(2)(B) provides that section 311(d)(1) shall not apply to a distribution of stock or an obligation of a controlled corporation—

(i) Which is engaged in at least one trade or business, and

(ii) Which has not received property (including money) constituting a substantial part of its assets from the distributing corporation, in a transaction to which section 351 applied or as a contribution to capital, within the 5-year period ending on the date of distribution.

For purposes of this paragraph, a corporation is a "controlled corporation" if at least 50 percent of the fair market value of its outstanding stock was owned by the distributing corporation at any time within the 9-year period ending 1 year before the date of distribution. A distribution of stock of a controlled corporation does not qualify for treatment under section 311(d)(2)(B) if the trade or business of such corporation was acquired for the purpose of qualifying the distribution for treatment under that section. However, a trade or business which was acquired more than 1 year before the date of distribution will be presumed not to have been acquired for such a purpose. For purposes of this paragraph, the corporation whose stock is distributed will be considered to be engaged in a trade or business if it owns stock possessing at least 80 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and at least 80 percent of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock of another corporation which has been engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business throughout the 1-year period ending on the date of distribution. The term "active conduct of a trade or business" shall have the same meaning in this paragraph as in paragraph (c) of § 1.355-1.

(2)(i) In determining, for purposes of subparagraph (1)(ii) of this paragraph, whether property received from the distributing corporation within the 5-year period ending on the date of distribution constitutes a substantial part of the controlled corporation's assets, the amount of money received within such period plus the total fair market value (determined on the date of distribution) of the items of property specified in subdivisions (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subparagraph shall be compared with the total fair market value of all the controlled corporation's assets on the date of distribution.

(ii) Property other than money received from the distributing corporation shall be taken into account, provided it is held or owned by the controlled corporation on the date of distribution.

(iii) If money is transferred from the distributing corporation to the controlled corporation and then is used, pursuant to a plan of the distributing corporation existing at the time of transfer, to acquire property which the controlled corporation holds or owns on the date of distribution, then the acquired property, in lieu of the money transferred, shall be taken into account.

(iv) If property (other than money) received from the distributing corporation (or property acquired pursuant to plan with money received from the distributing corporation) is exchanged for other property in a transaction in which gain or loss is not recognized in whole or in part to the controlled corporation, the property received in the exchange shall be taken into account, provided it is held or owned by the controlled corporation on the date of distribution.

(3) The principles of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation M, a toy manufacturer, is a controlled corporation of corporation N. On June 1, 1970, N contributes $200,000 to M's capital. On January 1, 1971, N contributes real estate with a fair market value of $50,000 to M's capital. On February 1, 1975, when N distributes M stock to its shareholders in redemption of its own stock, such real estate, still owned by M, has a fair market value of $100,000. On the date of distribution the total fair market value of all M's assets is $10 million. The distribution meets the requirements of section 311(d)(2)(B) and therefore no gain is recognized to N under section 311(d)(1).

Example (2). Corporation R is a controlled corporation of corporation S. On April 1, 1970, S contributes $500,000 to R which, pursuant to a plan of S existing at the time of the contribution, R uses to purchase certain securities. On July 1, 1970, S contributes an office building to R. On December 1, 1972, such building is exchanged for another building in a transaction to which section 1031 (relating to exchange of property held for productive use or investment) applies. On February 1, 1975, when S distributes R stock to its shareholders in redemption of its own stock, both the purchased securities and the building received in the exchange are owned by R. On such date, the building and the securities each has a fair market value of $2 million. The total value of contributed property for purposes of subparagraph (1)(ii) of this paragraph is $4 million. On the date of distribution the total fair market value of all R's assets is $8 million. The distribution fails to meet the requirements of section 311(d)(2)(B) since S contributed to R's capital a substantial part of R's assets within the 5-year period ending on the date of distribution.

(d) *Certain distributions made before December 1, 1974.* Section 311(d)(2)(C) provides that section 311(d)(1) shall not apply to a distribution before December 1, 1974, of stock of a corporation substantially all of the assets of which the distributing corporation (or a corporation which is a member of the same affiliated group (as defined in section 1504(a)) as the distributing corporation) held on November 30, 1969, if such assets constitute a trade or business which has been actively conducted throughout the 1-year period ending on the date of distribution. For purposes of this paragraph, the determination that a corporation is a member of the same affiliated group (as defined in section 1504(a)) as the distributing corporation must be satisfied only on November 30, 1969, and not on the date of the distribution to which this paragraph applies. Thus, if the assets of a trade or business were held on November 30, 1969, by any member of the affiliated group and such trade or business has been actively conducted throughout the 1-year period ending on the date of distribution, section 311(d)(1) will not apply to a distribution of stock of any member of the affiliated group substantially all the assets of which consists of either (1) the assets so held on November 30, 1969, (2) stock possessing at least 80 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and at least 80 percent of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock of another corporation substantially all the assets of which consist of the assets so held on November 30, 1969, or (3) both. The term "active conduct of a trade or business" shall have the same meaning in this paragraph as in paragraph (c) of § 1.355-1.

(e) *Distributions pursuant to antitrust judgments.* Section 311(d)(2)(D) provides that section 311(d)(1) shall not apply to a distribution of stock or securities pursuant to the terms of a final judgment rendered by a court with respect to the distributing corporation in a court proceeding under the Sherman Act (26 Stat. 209; 15 U.S.C. 1-7) or the Clayton Act (38 Stat. 730; 15 U.S.C. 12-27), or both, to which the United States is a party, but only if the distribution of such stock or securities in redemption of the distributing corporation's stock is in furtherance of the purposes of the judgment. A distribution in redemption of the distributing corporation's stock will be considered in furtherance of the purposes of the judgment if the court finds that such distribution is necessary or appropriate to effectuate the policies of the Sherman Act, or the Clayton Act, or both. Absent such a finding by the court, it is a question of fact in each case whether the distribution is in furtherance of the purposes of the judgment.

(f) *Distributions in redemption of stock to pay death taxes.* Section 311(d)(2)(E) provides that section 311(d)(1) shall not apply to a distribution to the extent that section 303(a) (relating to distributions in redemption of stock to pay death taxes) applies to such distribution. If a corporation distributes both appreciated property and other property in a single distribution and if the total distribution exceeds the amount which qualifies for treatment under section 303, then for purposes of applying section 311(d)(2)(E) and this paragraph, the appreciated property shall be considered as distributed before such other property and to be in redemption of stock described in section 303(a) to the extent thereof.

(g) *Distributions to private foundations.* Section 311(d)(2)(F) provides that section 311(d)(1) shall not apply to a distribution to a private foundation (as defined in section 509) in redemption of stock described in section 537(b)(2) (A) and (B) and the regulations thereunder. If a corporation distributes to a private foundation both appreciated property and other property in a single distribution and if the total distribution exceeds the amount which qualifies for treatment under section 537(b)(2) (A) and (B), then for purposes of applying section 311(d)(2)(F) and this paragraph, the appreciated property shall be considered as distributed before such other property and to be in redemption of stock described in section 537(b)(2) (A) and (B), to the extent thereof.

(h) *Distribution by regulated investment company.* Section 311(d)(2)(G) provides that section 311(d)(1) shall not apply to a distribution by a corporation to which part I, subchapter M, chapter 1 of the Code (relating to regulated investment companies) applies, provided such distribution is in redemption of a redeemable security (as defined in section 2(a)(32) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 790; 15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(32))).

(i) *Transitional Rules.* Section 311(d) does not apply to—

(1) A distribution before April 1, 1970, pursuant to the terms of—

(i) A written contract which was binding on the distributing corporation on November 30, 1969, and at all times thereafter before the distribution,

(ii) An offer made by the distributing corporation before December 1, 1969,

(iii) An offer made in accordance with a request for a ruling filed by the distributing corporation with the Internal Revenue Service before December 1, 1969, or

(iv) An offer made in accordance with a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission before December 1, 1969.

For purposes of subdivisions (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subparagraph, an offer shall be treated as an offer only if it was in writing and not revocable by its express terms.

(2) A distribution by a corporation of specific property in redemption of stock outstanding on November 30, 1969, if—

(i) Every holder of such stock on such date had the right to demand redemption of his stock in such specific property, and

(ii) The corporation had such specific property on hand on such date in a quantity sufficient to redeem all of such stock.

For purposes of the preceding sentence, stock shall be considered to have been outstanding on November 30, 1969, if it could have been acquired on such date through the exercise of an existing right of conversion contained in other stock held on such date.

(3) A distribution by a corporation of property (held on December 1, 1969, by the distributing corporation or a corporation which was a wholly owned subsidiary of the distributing corporation on such date) in redemption of stock outstanding on November 30, 1969, which is redeemed and canceled before July 31, 1971, if—

(i) Such redemption is pursuant to a resolution adopted before November 1, 1969, by the Board of Directors authorizing the redemption of a specific amount of stock constituting more than 10 percent of the outstanding stock of the corporation at the time of the adoption of such resolution; and

(ii) More than 40 percent of the stock authorized to be redeemed pursuant to such resolution was redeemed before December 30, 1969, and more than one-half of the stock so redeemed was redeemed with property other than money.

(4) A distribution of stock by a corporation organized prior to December 1, 1969, for the principal purpose of providing an equity participation plan for employees of the corporation whose stock is being distributed (hereinafter referred to as the "employer corporation") if—

(i) The stock being distributed was owned by the distributing corporation on November 30, 1969,

(ii) The stock being redeemed was acquired before January 1, 1973, pursuant to such equity participation plan by the shareholder presenting such stock for redemption (or by a predecessor of such shareholder),

(iii) The employment of the shareholder presenting the stock for redemption (or the predecessor of such shareholder) by the employer corporation commenced before January 1, 1971,

(iv) At least 90 percent in value of the assets of the distributing corporation on November 30, 1969, consisted of common stock of the employer corporation, and

(v) At least 50 percent of the outstanding voting stock of the employer corporation is owned by the distributing corporation at any time within the 9-year period ending 1 year before the date of such distribution.

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§ 1.312-1 Adjustment to earnings and profits reflecting distributions by corporations.

(a) In general, on the distribution of property by a corporation with respect to its stock, its earnings, and profits (to the extent thereof) shall be decreased by—

(1) The amount of money,

(2) The principal amount of the obligations of such corporation issued in such distribution, and

(3) The adjusted basis of other property.

For special rule with respect to distributions to which section 312(e) applies, see § 1.312-5.

(b) The adjustment provided in section 312(a)(3) and paragraph (a)(3) of this section with respect to a distribution of property (other than money or its own obligations) shall be made notwithstanding the fact that such property has appreciated or depreciated in value since acquisition.

(c) The application of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation A distributes to its sole shareholder property with a value of $10,000 and a basis of $5,000. It has $12,500 in earnings and profits. The reduction in earnings and profits by reason of such distribution is $5,000. Such is the reduction even though the amount of $10,000 is includible in the income of the shareholder (other than a corporation) as a dividend.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1) above except that the property has a basis of $15,000 and the earnings and profits of the corporation are $20,000. The reduction in earnings and profits is $15,000. Such is the reduction even though only the amount of $10,000 is includible in the income of the shareholder as a dividend.

(d) In the case of a distribution of stock or rights to acquire stock a portion of which is includible in income by reason of section 305(b), the earnings and profits shall be reduced by the fair market value of such portion. No reduction shall be made if a distribution of stock or rights to acquire stock is not includible in income under the provisions of section 305.

(e) No adjustment shall be made in the amount of the earnings and profits of the issuing corporation upon a disposition of section 306 stock unless such disposition is a redemption.

§ 1.312-2 Distribution of inventory assets.

Section 312(b) provides for the increase and the decrease of the earnings and profits of a corporation which distributes, with respect to its stock, inventory assets as defined in section 312(b)(2), where the fair market value of such assets exceeds their adjusted basis. The rules provided in section 312(b) (relating to distributions of certain inventory assets) shall be applicable without regard to the method used in computing inventories for the purpose of the computation of taxable income. Section 312(b) does not apply to distributions described in section 312(e).

§ 1.312-3 Liabilities.

The amount of any reductions in earnings and profits described in section 312 (a) or (b) shall be (a) reduced by the amount of any liability to which the property distributed was subject and by the amount of any other liability of the corporation assumed by the shareholder in connection with such distribution, and (b) increased by the amount of gain recognized to the corporation under section

311 (b), (c), or (d), or under section 341(f), 617(d), 1245(a), 1250(a), 1251(c), or 1252(a).

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§ 1.312-4 Examples of adjustments provided in section 312(c).

The adjustments provided in section 312(c) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (*1*). On December 2, 1954, Corporation X distributed to its sole shareholder, A, an individual, as a dividend in kind a vacant lot which was not an inventory asset. On that date, the lot had a fair market value of $5,000 and was subject to a mortgage of $2,000. The adjusted basis of the lot was $3,100. The amount of the earnings and profits was $10,000. The amount of the dividend received by A is $3,000 ($5,000, the fair market value, less $2,000, the amount of the mortgage) and the reduction in the earnings and profits of Corporation X is $1,100 ($3,100, the basis, less $2,000, the amount of mortgage).

Example (*2*). The facts are the same as in example (1) above with the exception that the amount of the mortgage to which the property was subject was $4,000. The amount of the dividend received by A is $1,000, and there is no reduction in the earnings and profits of the corporation as a result of the distribution (disregarding such reduction as may result from an increase in tax to Corporation X because, of gain resulting from the distribution). There is a gain of $900 recognized to Corporation X, the difference between the basis of the property ($3,100) and the amount of the mortgage ($4,000), under section 311(c) and an increase in earnings and profits of $900.

Example (*3*). Corporation A, having accumulated earnings and profits of $100,000, distributed in kind to its shareholders, not in liquidation, inventory assets which had a basis to it on the "Lifo" method (section 472) of $46,000 and on the basis of cost or market (section 471) of $50,000. The inventory had a fair market value of $55,000 and was subject to a liability of $35,000. This distribution results in a net decrease in earnings and profits of Corporation A of $11,000, (without regard to any tax on Corporation A) computed as follows:

"Fifo" basis of inventory	$50,000	
Less: "Lifo" basis of inventory	46,000	
Gain recognized—addition to earnings and profits (section 311(b))		$4,000
Adjustment to earnings and profits required by section 312(b)(1)(A):		
Fair market value of inventory	$55,000	
Less: "Lifo" basis plus adjustment under section 311(b)	50,000	5,000
Total increase in earnings and profits		9,000
Decrease in earnings and profits—under section 312(b)(1)(B)(i)	$55,000	
Less: Liability assumed	35,000	
Net amount of distribution (decrease in earnings)		20,000
Net decrease in earnings and profits		11,000

§ 1.312-5 Special rule for partial liquidations and certain redemptions.

The part of the distribution properly chargeable to capital account within the provisions of section 312(e) shall not be considered a distribution of earnings and profits within the meaning of section 301 for the purpose of determining taxability of subsequent distributions by the corporation.

§ 1.312-6 Earnings and profits.

(a) In determining the amount of earnings and profits (whether of the taxable year, or accumulated since February 28, 1913, or accumulated before March 1, 1913) due consideration must be given to the facts, and, while mere bookkeeping entries increasing or decreasing surplus will not be conclusive, the amount of the earnings and profits in any case will be dependent upon the method of accounting properly employed in computing taxable income (or net income, as the case may be). For instance, a corporation keeping its books and filing its income tax returns under subchapter E, chapter 1 of the Code, on the cash receipts and disbursements basis may not use the accrual basis in determining earnings and profits; a corporation computing income on the installment basis as provided in section 453 shall, with respect to the installment transactions, compute earnings and profits on such basis; and an insurance company subject to taxation under section 831 shall exclude from earnings and profits that portion of any premium which is unearned under the provisions of section 832(b)(4) and which is segregated accordingly in the unearned premium reserve.

(b) Among the items entering into the computation of corporate earnings and profits for a particular period are all income exempted by statute, income not taxable by the Federal Government under the Constitution, as well as all items includible in gross income under section 61 or corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts. Gains and losses within the purview of section 1002 or corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts are brought into the earnings and profits at the time and to the extent such gains and losses are recognized under that section. Interest on State bonds and certain other obligations, although not taxable when received by a corporation, is taxable to the same extent as other dividends when distributed to shareholders in the form of dividends.

(c)(1) In the case of a corporation in which depletion or depreciation is a factor in the determination of income, the only depletion or depreciation deductions to be considered in the computation of the total earnings and profits are those based on cost or other basis without regard to March 1, 1913, value. In computing the earnings and profits for any period beginning after February 28, 1913, the only depletion or depreciation deductions to be considered are those based on (i) cost or other basis, if the depletable or depreciable asset was acquired subsequent to February 28, 1913, or (ii) adjusted cost or March 1, 1913, value, whichever is higher, if acquired before March 1, 1913. Thus, discovery or percentage depletion under all revenue acts for mines and oil and gas wells is not to be taken into consideration in computing the earnings and profits of a corporation. Similarly, where the basis of property in the hands of a corporation is a substituted basis, such basis, and not the fair market value of the property at the time of the acquisition by the corporation, is the basis for computing depletion and depreciation for the purpose of determining earnings and profits of the corporation.

(2) The application of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. Oil producing property which A had acquired in 1949 at a cost of $28,000 was transferred to Corporation Y in December 1951, in exchange for all of its capital stock. The fair market value of the stock and of the property as of the date of the transfer was $247,000. Corporation Y, after four years' operation, effected in 1955 a cash distribution to A in the amount of $165,000. In determining the extent to which the earnings and profits of Corporation Y available for dividend distributions have been increased as the result of production and sale of oil, the depletion to be taken into account is to be computed upon the basis of $28,000 established in the nontaxable exchange in 1951 regardless of the fair market value of the property or of the stock issued in exchange therefor.

(d) A loss sustained for a year before the taxable year does not affect the earnings and profits of the taxable year. However, in determining the earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913, the excess of a loss sustained for a year subsequent to February 28, 1913, over the undistributed earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913, and before the year for which the loss was sustained, reduces surplus as of March 1, 1913, to the extent of such excess. If the surplus as of March 1, 1913, was sufficient to absorb such excess, distributions to shareholders after the year of the loss are out of earnings and profits accumulated since the year of the loss to the extent of such earnings.

(e) With respect to the effect on the earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913, of distributions made on or after January 1, 1916, and before August 6, 1917, out of earnings or profits accumulated before March 1, 1913, which distributions were specifically declared to be out of earnings and profits accumulated before March 1, 1913, see section 31(b) of the Revenue Act of 1916, as added by section 1211 of the Revenue Act of 1917 (40 Stat. 336).

§ 1.312-7 Effect on earnings and profits of gain or loss realized after February 28, 1913.

(a) In order to determine the effect on earnings and profits of gain or loss realized from the sale or other disposition (after February 28, 1913) of property by a corporation, section 312(f)(1) prescribed certain rules for—

(1) The computation of the total earnings and profits of the corporation of most frequent application in determining invested capital; and

(2) The computation of earnings and profits of the corporation for any period beginning after February 28, 1913, of most frequent application in determining the source of dividend distributions.

Such rules are applicable whenever under any provision of subtitle A of the Code it is necessary to compute either the total earnings and profits of the corporation or the earnings and profits for any period beginning after February 28, 1913. For example, since the earnings and profits accumulated after February 28, 1913, or the earnings and profits of the taxable year, are earnings and profits for a period beginning after February 28, 1913, the determination of either must be in accordance with the regulations prescribed by this section for the ascertainment of earnings and profits for any period beginning after February 28, 1913. Under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, such gain or loss is determined by using the adjusted basis (under the law applicable to the year in which the sale or other disposition was made) for determining gain, but disregarding value as of March 1, 1913. Under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, there is used such adjusted basis for determining gain, giving effect to the value as of March 1, 1913, whenever applicable. In both cases the rules are the same as those governing depreciation and depletion in computing earnings and profits (see § 1.312-6). Under both subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph, the adjusted basis is subject to the limitations of the third sentence of section 312(f)(1) requiring the use of adjustments proper in determining earnings and profits. The proper adjustments may differ under section 312(f)(1) (A) and (B) depending upon the basis to which the adjustments are to be made. If the application of section 312(f)(1)(B) results in a loss and if the application of section 312(f)(1)(A) to the same transaction reaches a different result, then the loss under section 312(f)(1)(B) will be subject to the adjustment thereto required by section 312(g)(2). (See § 1.312-9.)

(b) (1) The gain or loss so realized increases or decreases the earnings and profits to, but not beyond, the extent to which such gain or loss was recognized in computing taxable income (or net income, as the case may be) under the law applicable to the year in which such sale or disposition was made. As used in this paragraph, the term "recognized" has reference to that kind of realized gain or loss which is recognized for income tax purposes by the statute applicable to the year in which the gain or loss was realized. For example, see section 356. A loss (other than a wash sale loss with respect to which a deduction is disallowed under the provisions of section 1091 or corresponding provisions of prior revenue laws) may be recognized though not allowed as a deduction (by reason, for example, of the operation of sections 267 and 1211 and corresponding provisions of prior revenue laws) but the mere fact that it is not allowed does not prevent decrease in earnings and profits by the amount of such disallowed loss. Wash sale losses, however, disallowed under section 1091 and corresponding provisions of prior revenue laws, are deemed nonrecognized losses and do not reduce earnings or profits. The "recognized" gain or loss for the purpose of computing earnings and profits is determined by applying the recognition provisions to the realized gain or loss computed under the provisions of section 312(f)(1) as distinguished from the realized gain or loss used in computing taxable income (or net income, as the case may be).

(2) The application of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X on January 1, 1952, owned stock in Corporation Y which it had acquired from Corporation Y in December 1951, in an exchange transaction in which no gain or loss was recognized. The adjusted basis to Corporation X of the property exchanged by it for the stock in Corporation Y was $30,000. The fair market value of the stock in Corporation Y when received by Corporation X was $930,000. On April 9, 1955, Corporation X made a cash distribution of $900,000 and, except for the possible effect of the transaction in 1951, had no earnings or profits accumulated after February 28, 1913, and had no earnings or profits for the taxable year. The amount of $900,000 representing the excess of the fair market value of the stock of Corporation Y over the adjusted basis of the property exchanged therefor was not recognized gain to Corporation X under the provisions of section 112 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939. Accordingly, the earnings and profits of Corporation X are not increased by $900,000, the amount of the gain realized but not recognized in the exchange, and the distribution was not a taxable dividend. The basis in the hands of Corporation Y of the property acquired by it from Corporation X is $30,000. If such property is thereafter sold by Corporation Y, gain or loss will be computed on such basis of $30,000, and earnings and profits will be increased or decreased accordingly.

Example (2). On January 2, 1910, Corporation M acquired nondepreciable property at a cost of $1,000. On March 1, 1913, the fair market value of such property in the hands of Corporation M was $2,200. On December 31, 1952, Corporation M transfers such property to Corporation N in exchange for $1,900 in cash and all Corporation N's stock, which has a fair market value of $1,100. For the purpose of computing the total earnings and profits of Corporation M, the gain on such transaction is $2,000 (the sum of $1,900 in cash and stock worth $1,100 minus $1,000, the adjusted basis for computing gain, determined without regard to March 1, 1913, value), $1,900 of which is recognized under section 356, since this was the amount of money received, although for the purpose of computing net income the gain is only $800 (the sum of $1,900 in cash and stock worth $1,100, minus $2,200, the adjusted basis for computing gain determined by giving effect to March 1, 1913, value). Such earnings and profits will therefore be increased by only $800 as a reputing the earnings and profits of Corporation M for any period beginning after February 28, 1913, however, the gain arising from the transaction, like the taxable gain, is only $800, all of which is recognized under section 112(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, the money received being in excess of such amount. Such earnings and profits will therefore be increased by only $800 as a result of the transaction. For increase in that part of the earnings and profits consisting of increase in value of property accrued before, but realized on or after March 1, 1913, see § 1.312-9.

Example (3). On July 31, 1955, Corporation R owned oil-producing property acquired after February 28, 1913, at a cost of $200,000, but having an adjusted basis (by reason of taking percentage depletion) of $100,000 for determining gain. However, the adjusted basis of such property to be used in computing gain or loss for the purpose of earnings and profits is, because of the provisions of the third sentence of section 312(f)(1), $150,000. On such day Corporation R transferred such property to Corporation S in exchange for $25,000 in cash and all of the stock of Corporation S, which had a fair market value of $100,000. For the purpose of computing taxable income, Corporation R has realized a gain of $25,000 as a result of this transaction, all of which is recognized under section 356. For the purpose of computing earnings and profits, however, Corporation R has realized a loss of $25,000, none of which is recognized owing to the provisions of section 356(c). The earnings and profits of Corporation R are therefore neither increased nor decreased as a result of the transaction. The adjusted basis of the Corporation S stock in the hands of Corporation R for purposes of computing earnings and profits, however, will be $125,000 (though only $100,000 for the purpose of computing taxable income), computed as follows:

Basis of property transferred	$200,000
Less money received on exchange	25,000
Plus gain or minus loss recognized on exchange	None
Basis of stock	175,000
Less adjustments (same as those used in determining adjusted basis of property transferred)	50,000
Adjusted basis of stock	125,000

If, therefore, Corporation R should subsequently sell the Corporation S stock for $100,000, a loss of $25,000 will again be realized for the purpose of computing earnings and profits, all of which will be recognized and will be applied to decrease the earnings and profits of Corporation R.

(c)(1) The third sentence of section 312(f)(1) provides for cases in which the adjustments, prescribed in section 1016, to the basis indicated in section 312(f)(1) (A) or (B), as the case may be, differ from the adjustments to such basis proper for the purpose of determining earnings or profits. The adjustments provided by such third sentence reflect the treatment provided by §§ 1.312-6 and 1.312-15 relative to cases where the deductions for depletion and depreciation in computing taxable income (or net income, as the case may be) differ from the deductions proper for the purpose of computing earnings and profits.

(2) The effect of the third sentence of section 312(f)(1) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X purchased on January 2, 1931, an oil lease at a cost of $10,000. The lease was operated only for the years 1931 and 1932. The deduction for depletion in each of the years 1931 and 1932 amounted to $2,750, of which amount $1,750 represented percentage depletion in excess of depletion based on cost. The lease was sold in 1955 for $15,000. Under section 1016(a)(2), in determining the gain or loss from the sale of the property, the basis must be adjusted for cost depletion of $1,000 in 1931 and percentage depletion of $2,750 in 1932. However, the adjustment of such basis, proper for the determination of earnings and profits, is $1,000 for each year, or $2,000. Hence, the cost is to be adjusted only to the extent of $2,000, leaving an adjusted basis of $8,000 and the earnings and profits will be increased by $7,000, and not by $8,750. The difference of $1,750 is equal to the amount by which the percentage depletion for the year 1932 ($2,750) exceeds the depletion on cost for that year ($1,000) and has already been applied in the computation of earnings and profits for the year 1932 by taking into account only $1,000 instead of $2,750 for depletion in the computation of such earnings and profits. (See § 1.316-1.)

Example (2). If, in example (1), above, the property, instead of being sold, is exchanged in a transaction described in section 1031 for like property having a fair market value of $7,750 and cash of $7,250, then the increase in earnings and profits amounts to $7,000, that is, $15,000 ($7,750 plus $7,250) minus the basis of $8,000. However, in computing taxable income of Corporation X, the gain is $8,750, that is, $15,000 minus $6,250 ($10,000 less depletion of $3,750), of which only $7,250 is recognized because the recognized gain cannot exceed the sum of money received in the transaction. See section 1031(b) and the corresponding provisions of prior revenue laws. If, however, the cash received was only $2,250 and the value of the property received was $12,750, then the increase in earnings and profits would be $2,250, that amount being the gain recognized under section 1031.

Example (3). On January 1, 1973, corporation X purchased for $10,000 a depreciable asset with an estimated useful life of 20 years and no salvage value. In computing depreciation on the asset, corporation X used the declining balance method with a rate twice the straight line rate. On December 31, 1976, the asset was sold for $9,000. Under section 1016(a)(2), the basis of the asset is adjusted for depreciation allowed for the years 1973 through 1976, or a total of $3,439. Thus, X realizes a gain of $2,439 (the excess of the amount realized, $9,000, over the adjusted basis, $6,561). However, the proper adjustment to basis for the purpose of determining earnings and profits is only $2,000, i.e., the total amount which, under § 1.312-15, was applied in the computation of earnings and profits for the years 1973-76. Hence, upon sale of the asset, earnings and profits are increased by only $1,000, i.e., the excess of the amount realized, $9,000, over the adjusted basis for earnings and profits purposes, $8,000.

(d) For adjustment and allocation of the earnings and profits of the transferor as between the transferor and the transferee in cases where the transfer of property by one corporation to another corporation results in the nonrecognition in whole or in part of gain or loss, see § 1.312-10; and see section 381 for earnings and profits of successor corporations in certain transactions.

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§ 1.312-8 Effect on earnings and profits of receipt of tax-free distributions requiring adjustment or allocation of basis of stock.

(a) In order to determine the effect on earnings and profits, where a corporation receives (after February 28, 1913) from a second corporation a distribution which (under the law applicable to the year in which the distribution was made) was not a taxable dividend to the shareholders of the second corporation, section 312(f) prescribes certain rules. It provides that the amount of such distribution shall not increase the earnings and profits of the first or receiving corporation in the following cases: (1) No such increase shall be made in respect of the part of such distribution which (under the law applicable to the year in which the distribution was made) is directly applied in reduction of the basis of the stock in respect of which the distribution was made and (2) no such increase shall be made if (under the law applicable to the year in which the distribution was made) the distribution causes the basis of the stock in respect of which the distribution was made to be allocated between such stock and the property received (or such basis would but for section 307(b) be so allocated). Where, therefore, the law (applicable to the year in which the distribution was made, as, for example, a distribution in 1934 from earnings and profits accumulated before March 1, 1913) requires that the amount of such distribution shall be applied against and reduce the basis of the stock with respect to which the distribution was made, there is no increase in the earnings and profits by reason of the receipt of such distribution. Similarly, where there is received by a corporation a distribution from another corporation in the form of a stock dividend and the law applicable to the year in which such distribution was made requires the allocation, as between the old stock and the stock received as a dividend, of the basis of the old stock (or such basis would but for section 307(b) be so allocated), then there is no increase in the earnings and profits by reason of the receipt of such stock dividend even though such stock dividend constitutes income within the meaning of the sixteenth amendment to the Constitution.

(b) The principles set forth in paragraph (a) of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X in 1955 distributed to Corporation Y, one of its shareholders, $10,000 which was out of earnings or profits accumulated before March 1, 1913, and did not exceed the adjusted basis of the stock in respect of which the distribution was made. This amount of $10,000 was, therefore, a tax-free distribution and under the provisions of section 301(c)(2) must be applied against and reduce the adjusted basis of the stock in respect of which the distribution was made. The earnings and profits of Corporation Y are not increased by reason of the receipt of this distribution.

Example (2). Corporation Z in 1955 had outstanding common and preferred stock of which Corporation Y held 100 shares of the common and no preferred. The stock had a cost basis to Corporation Y of $100 per share, or a total cost of $10,000. In December of that year it received a dividend of 100 shares of the preferred stock of Corporation Z. Such distribution is a stock dividend which, under section 305, was not taxable and was accordingly not included in the gross income of Corporation Y. The original cost of $10,000 is allocated to the 200 shares of Corporation Z none of which has been sold or otherwise disposed of by Corporation Y. See section 307 and § 1.307-1. The earnings and profits of Corporation Y are not increased by reason of the receipt of such stock dividend.

§ 1.312-9 Adjustments to earnings and profits reflecting increase in value accrued before March 1, 1913.

(a) In order to determine, for the purpose of ascertaining the source of dividend distributions, that part of the earnings and profits which is represented by increase in value of property accrued before, but realized on or after, March 1, 1913, section 312(g) prescribes certain rules.

(b)(1) Section 312(g)(1) sets forth the general rule with respect to computing the increase to be made in that part of the earnings and profits consisting of increase in value of property accrued before, but realized on or after, March 1, 1913.

(2) The effect of section 312(g)(1) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X acquired nondepreciable property before March 1, 1913, at a cost of $10,000. Its fair market value as of March 1, 1913, was $12,000 and it was sold in 1955 for $15,000. The increase in earnings and profits based on the value as of March 1, 1913, representing earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913, is $3,000. If the basis is determined without regard to the value as of March 1, 1913, there would be an increase in earnings and profits of $5,000. The difference of $2,000 ($5,000 minus $3,000) represents the increase to be made in that part of the earnings and profits of Corporation X consisting of the increase in value of property accrued before, but realized on or after, March 1, 1913.

Example (2). Corporation Y acquired depreciable property in 1908 at a cost of $100,000. Assuming no additions or betterments, and that the depreciation sustained before March 1, 1913, was $10,000, the adjusted cost as of that date was $90,000. Its fair market value as of March 1, 1913, was $94,000 and on February 28, 1955, it was sold for $25,000. For the purpose of determining gain from the sale, the basis of the property is the fair market value of $94,000 as of March 1, 1913, adjusted for depreciation for the period subsequent to February 28, 1913, computed on such fair market value. If the amount of the depreciation deduction allowed after February 28, 1913, and properly allowable for each of such years to the date of the sale in 1955 is the aggregate sum of $81,467, the adjusted basis for determining gain in 1955 ($94,000 less $81,467) is $12,533 and the gain would be $12,467 ($25,000 less $12,533). The increase in earnings and profits accumulated since February

28, 1913, by reason of the sale, based on the value as of March 1, 1913, adjusted for depreciation is $12,467. If the depreciation since February 28, 1913, had been based on the adjusted cost of $90,000 ($100,000 less $10,000) instead of the March 1, 1913, value of $94,000, the depreciation sustained from that date to the date of sale would have been $78,000 instead of $81,467 and the actual gain on the sale based on the cost of $100,000 adjusted by depreciation on such cost to $12,000 ($100,000 reduced by the sum of $10,000 and $78,000) would be $13,000 ($25,000 less $12,000). If the adjusted basis of the property was determined without regard to the value as of March 1, 1913, there would be an increase in earnings and profits of $13,000. The difference of $533 ($13,000 minus $12,467) represents the increase to be made in that part of the earnings and profits of Corporation Y consisting of the increase in value of property accrued before, but realized on or after, March 1, 1913 (assuming that the proper increase in such surplus had been made each year for the difference between depreciation based on cost and the depreciation based on March 1, 1913, value). Thus, the total increase in that part of earnings and profits consisting of the increase in value of property accrued before, but realized on or after, March 1, 1913, is $4,000 ($94,000 less $90,000).

(c)(1) Section 312(g)(2) is an exception to the general rule in section 312(g)(1) and also operates as a limitation on the application of section 312(f). It provides that, if the application of section 312(f)(1)(B) to a sale or other disposition after February 28, 1913, results in a loss which is to be applied in decrease of earnings and profits for any period beginning after February 28, 1913, then, notwithstanding section 312(f) and in lieu of the rule provided in section 312(g)(1), the amount of such loss so to be applied shall be reduced by the amount, if any, by which the adjusted basis of the property used in determining the loss, exceeds the adjusted basis computed without regard to the fair market value of the property on March 1, 1913. If the amount so applied in reduction of the loss exceeds such loss, the excess over such loss shall increase that part of the earnings and profits consisting of increase in value of property accrued before, but realized on or after March 1, 1913.

(2) The application of section 312(g)(2) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation Y acquired nondepreciable property before March 1, 1913, at a cost of $8,000. Its fair market value as of March 1, 1913, was $13,000, and it was sold in 1955 for $10,000. Under section 312(f)(1)(B) the adjusted basis would be $13,000 and there would be a loss of $3,000. The application of section 312(f)(1)(B) would result in a loss from the sale in 1955 to be applied in decrease of earnings and profits for that year. Section 312(g)(2), however, applies and the loss of $3,000 is reduced by the amount by which the adjusted basis of $13,000 exceeds the cost of $8,000 (the adjusted basis computed without regard to the value on March 1, 1913), namely $5,000. The amount of the loss is, accordingly, reduced from $3,000 to zero and there is no decrease in earnings and profits of Corporation Y for the year 1955 as a result of the sale. The amount applied in reduction of the decrease, namely, $5,000, exceeds $3,000. Accordingly, as a result of the sale the excess of $2,000 increases that part of the earnings and profits of Corporation Y consisting of increase in value of property accrued before, but realized on or after March 1, 1913.

Example (2). Corporation Z acquired nondepreciable property before March 1, 1913, at a cost of $10,000. Its fair market value as of March 1, 1913, was $12,000, and it was sold in 1955 for $8,000. Under section 312(f)(1)(B) the adjusted basis would be $12,000 and there would be a loss of $4,000. The application of section 312(f)(1)(B) would result in a loss from the sale in 1955 to be applied in decrease of earnings and profits for that year. Section 312(g)(2), however, applies and the loss of $4,000 is reduced by the amount by which the adjusted basis of $12,000 exceeds the cost of $10,000 (the adjusted basis computed without regard to the value on March 1, 1913), namely, $2,000. The amount of the loss is, accordingly, reduced from $4,000 to $2,000 and the decrease in earnings and profits of Corporation Z for the year 1955 as a result of the sale is $2,000 instead of $4,000. The amount applied in reduction of the decrease, namely, $2,000, does not exceed $4,000. Accordingly, as a result of the sale there is no increase in that part of the earnings and profits of Corporation Z consisting of increase in value of property accrued before, but realized on or after, March 1, 1913.

§ 1.312-10 Allocation of earnings in certain corporate separations.

(a) If one corporation transfers part of its assets constituting an active trade or business to another corporation in a transaction to which section 368(a)(1)(4) applies and immediately thereafter the stock and securities of the controlled corporation are distributed in a distribution or exchange to which section 355 (or so much of section 356 as relates to section 355) applies, the earnings and profits of the distributing corporation immediately before the transaction shall be allocated between the distributing corporation and the controlled corporation. In the case of a newly created controlled corporation, such allocation generally shall be made in proportion to the fair market value of the business or businesses (and interests in any other properties) retained by the distributing corporation and the business or businesses (and interests in any other properties) of the controlled corporation immediately after the transaction. In a proper case, allocation shall be made between the distributing corporation and the controlled corporation in proportion to the net basis of the assets transferred and of the assets retained or by such other method as may be appropriate under the facts and circumstances of the case. The term "net basis" means the basis of the assets less liabilities assumed or liabilities to which such assets are subject. The part of the earnings and profits of the taxable year of the distributing corporation in which the transaction occurs allocable to the controlled corporation shall be included in the computation of the earnings and profits of the first taxable year of the controlled corporation ending after the date of the transaction.

(b) If a distribution or exchange to which section 355 applies (or so much of section 356 as relates to section 355) is not in pursuance of a plan meeting the requirements of a reorganization as defined in section 368(a)(1)(D), the earnings and profits of the distributing corporation shall be decreased by the lesser of the following amounts:

(1) The amount by which the earnings and profits of the distributing corporation would have been decreased if it had transferred the stock of the controlled corporation to a new corporation in a reorganization to which section 368(a)(1)(D) applied and immediately thereafter distributed the stock of such new corporation or,

(2) The net worth of the controlled corporation. (For this purpose the term "net worth" means the sum of the basis of all of the properties plus cash minus all liabilities.)

If the earnings and profits of the controlled corporation immediately before the transaction are less than the amount of the decrease in earnings and profits of the distributing corporation (including a case in which the controlled corporation has a deficit) the earnings and profits of the controlled corporation, after the transaction, shall be equal to the amount of such decrease. If the earnings and profits of the controlled corporation immediately before the transaction are more than the amount of the decrease in the earnings and profits of the distributing corporation, they shall remain unchanged.

(c) In no case shall any part of a deficit of a distributing corporation within the meaning of section 355 be allocated to a controlled corporation.

§ 1.312-11 Effect on earnings and profits of certain other tax-free exchanges, tax-free distributions, and tax-free transfers from one corporation to another.

(a) If property is transferred by one corporation to another, and, under the law applicable to the year in which the transfer was made, no gain or loss was recognized (or was recognized only to the extent of the property received other than that permitted by such law to be received without the recognition of gain), then proper adjustment and allocation of the earnings and profits of the transferor shall be made as between the transferor and the transferee. Transfers to which the preceding sentence applies include contributions to capital, transfers under section 351, transfers in connection with reorganizations under section 368, transfers in liquidations under section 332 and intercompany transfers during a period of affiliation. However, if, for example, property is transferred from one corporation to another in a transaction under section 351 or as a contribution to capital and the transfer is not followed or preceded by a reorganization, a transaction under section 302(a) involving a substantial part of the transferor's stock, or a total or partial liquidation, then ordinarily no allocation of the earnings and profits of the transferor shall be made. For specific rules as to allocation of earnings and profits in certain reorganizations under section 368 and in certain liquidations under section 332 see section 381 and the regulations thereunder. For allocation of earnings and profits in certain corporate separations see section 312(i) and § 1.312-10.

(b) The general rule provided in section 316 that every distribution is made out of earnings or profits to the extent thereof and from the most recently accumulated earnings or profits does not apply to:

(1) The distribution, in pursuance of a plan of reorganization, by or on behalf of a corporation a party to the reorganization, or in a transaction subject to section 355, to its shareholders—

(i) Of stock or securities in such corporation or in another corporation a party to the reorganization in any taxable year beginning before January 1, 1934, without the surrender by the distributees of stock or securities in such corporation (see section 112(g) of the Revenue Act of 1932 (47 Stat. 197)); or

(ii) Of stock (other than preferred stock) in another corporation which is a party to the reorganization without the surrender by the distributees of stock in the distributing corporation if the distribution occurs after October 20, 1951, and is subject to section 112(b)(11) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939; or

(iii) Of stock or securities in such corporation or in another corporation a party to the reorganization in any taxable year beginning before January 1, 1939, or on or after such date, in exchange for its stock or securities in a transaction to which section 112(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 was applicable; or

(iv) Of stock or securities in such corporation or in another corporation in exchange for its stock or securities in a transaction subject to section 354 or 355,

if no gain to the distributees from the receipt of such stock or securities was recognized by law.

(2) The distribution in any taxable year (beginning before January 1, 1939, or on or after such date) of stock or securities, or other property or money, to a corporation in complete liquidation of another corporation, under the circumstances described in section 112(b)(6) of the Revenue Act of 1936 (49 Stat. 1679), the Revenue Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 485), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, or section 332 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

(3) The distribution in any taxable year (beginning after December 31, 1938), of stock or securities, or other property or money, in the case of an exchange or distribution described in section 371 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 or in section 1081 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (relating to exchanges and distributions in obedience to orders of the Securities and Exchange Commission), if no gain to the distributee from the receipt of such stock, securities, or other property or money was recognized by law.

(4) A stock dividend which was not subject to tax in the hands of the distributee because either it did not constitute income to him within the meaning of the sixteenth amendment to the Constitution or because exempt to him under section 115(f) of the Revenue Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 712) or a corresponding provision of a prior Revenue Act, or section 305 of the Code.

(5) The distribution, in a taxable year of the distributee beginning after December 31, 1931, by or on behalf of an insolvent corporation, in connection with a section 112(b)(10) reorganization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, or in a transaction subject to section 371 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, of stock or securities in a corporation organized or made use of to effectuate the plan of reorganization, if under section 112(e)

of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 or section 371 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 no gain to the distributee from the receipt of such stock or securities was recognized by law.

(c) A distribution described in paragraph (b) of this section does not diminish the earnings or profits of any corporation. In such cases, the earnings or profits remain intact and available for distribution as dividends by the corporation making such distribution, or by another corporation to which the earnings or profits are transferred upon such reorganization or other exchange. In the case, however, of amounts distributed in liquidation (other than a taxfree liquidation or reorganization described in paragraph (b) (1), (2), (3), or (5) of this section) the earnings or profits of the corporation making the distribution are diminished by the portion of such distribution properly chargeable to earnings or profits accumulated after February 28, 1913, after first deducting from the amount of such distribution the portion thereof allocable to capital account.

(d) For the purposes of this section, the terms "reorganization" and "party to the reorganization" shall, for any taxable year beginning before January 1, 1934, have the meanings assigned to such terms in section 112 of the Revenue Act of 1932 (47 Stat. 196); for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1933, and before January 1, 1936, have the meanings assigned to such terms in section 112 of the Revenue Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 704); for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1935, and before January 1, 1938, have the meanings assigned to such terms in section 112 of the Revenue Act of 1936 (49 Stat. 1678); for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1937, and before January 1, 1939, have the meanings assigned to such terms in section 112 of the Revenue Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 485); and for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1938, and ending before June 22, 1954, providing no election is made under section 393(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, have the meanings assigned to such terms in section 112(g)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939.

§ 1.312-12 Distributions of proceeds of loans guaranteed by the United States.

(a) The provisions of section 312(j) are applicable with respect to a loan, any portion of which is guaranteed by an agency of the United States Government without regard to the percentage of such loan subject to such guarantee.

(b) The application of section 312(j) is illustrated by the following example:

Example. Corporation A borrowed $1,000,000 for the purpose of construction of an apartment house, the cost and adjusted basis of which was $900,000. This loan was guaranteed by an agency of the United States Government. One year after such loan was made and after the completion of construction of the building (but before such corporation had received any income) it distributed $100,000 cash to its shareholders. The earnings and profits of the taxable year of such corporation are increased (pursuant to section 312(j)) by $100,000 immediately prior to such distribution and are decreased by $100,000 immediately after such distribution. Such decrease, however, does not reduce the earnings and profits below zero. Two years later, it has no accumulated earnings and has earnings of the taxable year of $100,000. Before it has made any payments on the loan, it distributes $200,000 to its shareholders. The earnings and profits of the taxable year of the corporation ($100,000) are increased by $100,000, the excess of the amount of the guaranteed loan over the adjusted basis of the apartment house (calculated without adjustment for depreciation). The entire amount of each distribution is treated as a distribution out of earnings and profits and, accordingly, as a taxable dividend.

§ 1.312-15 Effect of depreciation on earnings and profits.

(a) *Depreciation for taxable years beginning after June 30, 1972*—(1) *In general.* Except as provided in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph and paragraph (c) of this section, for purposes of computing the earnings and profits of a corporation (including a real estate investment trust as defined in section 856) for any taxable year beginning after June 30, 1972, the allowance for depreciation (and amortization, if any) shall be deemed to be the amount which would be allowable for such year if the straight line method of depreciation had been used for all property for which depreciation is allowable for each taxable year beginning after June 30, 1972. Thus, for taxable years beginning after June 30, 1972, in determining the earnings and profits of a corporation, depreciation must be computed under the straight line method, notwithstanding that in determining taxable income the corporation uses an accelerated method of depreciation described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of section 312(m)(2) or elects to amortize the basis of property under section 169, 184, 187, or 188, or any similar provision.

(2) *Exception.* (i) If, for any taxable year beginning after June 30, 1972, a method of depreciation is used by a corporation in computing taxable income which the Secretary or his delegate has determined results in a reasonable allowance under section 167(a) and which is not a declining balance method of depreciation (described in § 1.167(b)-2), the sum of the years-digits method (described in § 1.167(b)-3), or any other method allowed solely by reason of the application of subsection (b)(4) or (j)(1)(C) of section 167, then the adjustment to earnings and profits for depreciation for such year shall be determined under the method so used (in lieu of the straight line method).

(ii) The Commissioner has determined that the "unit of production" (see §1.167(b)-0(b)), and the "machine hour" methods of depreciation, when properly used under appropriate circumstances, meet the requirements of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph. Thus, the adjustment to earnings and profits for depreciation (for the taxable year for which either of such methods is properly used under appropriate circumstances) shall be determined under whichever of such methods is used to compute taxable income.

(3) *Determinations under straight line method.* (i) In the case of property with respect to which an allowance for depreciation is claimed in computing taxable income, the determination of the amount which would be allowable under the straight line method shall be based on the manner in which the corporation computes depreciation in determining taxable income. Thus, if an election under § 1.167(a)-11 is in effect with respect to the property, the amount of depreciation which would be allowable under the straight line method shall be determined under § 1.167(a)-11(g)(3). On the other hand, if property is not depreciated under the provisions of § 1.167(a)-11, the amount of depreciation which would be allowable under the straight line method shall be determined under § 1.167(b)-1. Any election made under section 167(f), with respect to reducing the amount of salvage value taken into account in computing the depreciation allowance for certain property, or any convention adopted under § 1.167(a)-10(b) or § 1.167(a)-11(c)(2), with respect to additions and retirements from multiple asset accounts, which is used in computing depreciation for taxable income shall be used in computing depreciation for earnings and profits purposes.

(ii) In the case of property with respect to which an election to amortize is in effect under section 169, 184, 187, or 188, or any similar provision, the amount which would be allowable under the straight line method of depreciation shall be determined under the provisions of § 1.167(b)-1. Thus, the cost or other basis of the property, less its estimated salvage value, is to be deducted in equal annual amounts over the period of the estimated useful life of the property. In computing the amount of depreciation for earnings and profits purposes, a taxpayer may utilize the provisions of section 167(f) (relating to the reduction in the amount of salvage value taken into account in computing the depreciation allowance for certain property) and any convention which could have been adopted for such property under § 1.167(a)-10(b) (relating to additions and retirements from multiple asset accounts).

(b) *Transitional rules*—(1) *Depreciation.* If, for the taxable year which includes June 30, 1972, (i) the allowance for depreciation of any property is computed under a method other than the straight line method or a method described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, and (ii) paragraph (a)(1) of this section applies to such property for the first taxable year beginning after June 30, 1972, then adjustments to earnings and profits for depreciation of such property for taxable years beginning after June 30, 1972, shall be determined as if the corporation changed to the straight line method with respect to such property as of the first day of the first taxable year beginning after June 30, 1972. Thus, if an election under § 1.167 (a)-11 is in effect with respect to the property, the change shall be made under the provisions of § 1.167(a)-11(c)(1)(iii), except that no statement setting forth the vintage accounts for which the change is made shall be furnished with the income tax return of the year of change if the change is only for purposes of computing earnings and profits. In all other cases, the unrecovered cost or other basis of the property (less a reasonable estimate for salvage) as of such first day shall be recovered through equal annual allowances over the estimated remaining useful life determined in accordance with the circumstances existing at that time. See paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section for rules relating to the applicability of section 167(f) in determining salvage value.

(2) *Amortization.* If, for the taxable year which includes June 30, 1972, the basis of any property is amortized under section 169, 184, 187, or 188, or any similar provision, then adjustments to earnings and profits for depreciation or amortization of such property for taxable years beginning after June 30, 1972, shall be determined as if the unrecovered cost or other basis of the property (less a reasonable estimate for salvage) as of the first day of the first taxable year beginning after June 30, 1972, were recovered through equal annual allowances over the estimated remaining useful life of the property determined in accordance with the circumstances existing at that time. See paragraph (a)(3)(ii) of this section for rules relating to the applicability of section 167(f).

(c) *Certain foreign corporations.* Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply in computing the earnings and profits of a foreign corporation for any taxable year for which less than 20 percent of the gross income from all sources of such corporation is derived from sources within the United States.

(d) *Books and records.* Wherever different methods of depreciation are used for taxable income and earnings and profits purposes, records shall be maintained which show the depreciation taken for earnings and profits purposes each year and which will allow computation of the adjusted basis of the property in each account using the depreciation taken for earnings and profits purposes.

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§ 1.316-1 Dividends.

(a) (1) The term "dividend" for the purpose of subtitle A of the Code (except when used in subchapter L, chapter 1 of the Code, in any case where the reference is to dividends and similar distributions of insurance companies paid to policyholders as such) comprises any distribution of property as defined in section 317 in the ordinary course of business, even though extraordinary in amount, made by a domestic or foreign corporation to its shareholders out of either—

(i) Earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913, or

(ii) Earnings and profits of the taxable year computed without regard to the amount of the earnings and profits (whether of such year or accumulated since February 28, 1913) at the time the distribution was made.

The earnings and profits of the taxable year shall be computed as of the close of such year, without diminution by reason of any distributions made during the taxable year. For the purpose of determining whether a distribution constitutes a dividend, it is unnecessary to ascertain the amount of the earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913, if the earnings and profits of the taxable year are equal to or in excess of the total amount of the distributions made within such year.

(2) Where a corporation distributes property to its shareholders on or

after June 22, 1954, the amount of the distribution which is a dividend to them may not exceed the earnings and profits of the distributing corporation.

(3) The rule of (2) above may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X and Y, individuals, each own one-half of the stock of Corporation A which has earnings and profits of $10,000. Corporation A distributes property having a basis of $6,000 and a fair market value of $16,000 to its shareholders, each shareholder receiving property with a basis of $3,000 and with a fair market value of $8,000 in a distribution to which section 301 applies. The amount taxable to each shareholder as a dividend under section 301(c) is $5,000.

(b) (1) In the case of a corporation which, under the law applicable to the taxable year in which a distribution is made, is a personal holding company or which, for the taxable year in respect of which a distribution is made under section 563 (relating to dividends paid within 2 1/2 months after the close of the taxable year), or section 547 (relating to deficiency dividends), or corresponding provisions of a prior income tax law, was under the applicable law a personal holding company, the term "dividend", in addition to the meaning set forth in the first sentence of section 316, also means a distribution to its shareholders as follows: A distribution within a taxable year of the corporation, or of a shareholder, is a dividend to the extent of the corporation's undistributed personal holding company income (determined under section 545 without regard to distributions under section 316(b)(2)) for the taxable year in which, or, in the case of a distribution under section 563 or section 547, the taxable year in respect of which, the distribution was made. This subparagraph does not apply to distributions in partial or complete liquidation of a personal holding company. In the case of certain complete liquidations of a personal holding company see subparagraph (2) of this paragraph.

(2) In the case of a corporation which, under the law applicable to the taxable year in which a distribution is made, is a personal holding company or which, for the taxable year in respect of which a distribution is made under section 563, or section 547, or corresponding provisions of a prior income tax law, was under the applicable law a personal holding company, the term "dividend", in addition to the meaning set forth in the first sentence of section 316, also means, in the case of a complete liquidation occuring within 24 months after the adoption of a plan of liquidation, a distribution of property to its shareholders within such period, but—

(i) Only to the extent of the amounts distributed to distributees other than corporate shareholders, and

(ii) Only to the extent that the corporation designates such amounts as a dividend distribution and duly notifies such distributees in accordance with subparagraph (5) of this paragraph, but

(iii) Not in excess of the sum of such distributees' allocable share of the undistributed personal holding company income for such year (determined under section 545 without regard to sections 562(b) and 316(b)(2)(B)).

Section 316(b)(2)(B) and this subparagraph apply only to distributions made in any taxable year of the distributing corporation beginning after December 31, 1963. The amount designated with respect to a noncorporate distributee may not exceed the amount actually distributed to such distributee. For purposes of determining a noncorporate distributee's gain or loss on liquidation, amounts distributed in complete liquidation to such distributee during a taxable year are reduced by the amounts designated as a dividend with respect to such distributee for such year. For purposes of section 333(e)(1), a shareholder's ratable share of the earnings and profits of the corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913, shall be reduced by the amounts designated as a dividend with respect to such shareholder (even though such designated amounts are distributed during the 1-month period referred to in section 333).

(3) For purposes of subparagraph (2)(iii) of this paragraph—

(i) Except as provided in subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph, the sum of the noncorporate distributees' allocable share of undistributed personal holding company income for the taxable year in which, or in respect of which, the distribution was made (computed without regard to sections 562(b) and 316(b)(2)(B)) shall be determined by multiplying such undistributed personal holding company income by the ratio which the aggregate value of the stock held by all noncorporate shareholders immediately before the record date of the last liquidating distribution in such year bears to the total value of all stock outstanding on such date. For rules applicable in a case where the distributing corporation has more than one class of stock, see subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph.

(ii) If more than one liquidating distribution was made during the year, and if, after the record date of the first distribution but before the record date of the last distribution, there was a change in the relative shareholdings as between noncorporate shareholders and corporate shareholders, then the sum of the noncorporate distributees' allocable share of undistributed personal holding company income for the taxable year in which, or in respect of which, the distributions were made (computed without regard to sections 562(b) and 316(b)(2)(B)) shall be determined as follows:

(*a*) First, allocate the corporation's undistributed personal holding company income among the distributions made during the taxable year by reference to the ratio which the aggregate amount of each distribution bears to the total amount of all distributions during such year;

(*b*) Second, determine the noncorporate distributees' allocable share of the corporation's undistributed personal holding company income for each distribution by multiplying the amount determined under (*a*) of this subdivision (ii) for each distribution by the ratio which the aggregate value of the stock held by all noncorporate shareholders immediately before the record date of such distribution bears to the total value of all stock outstanding on such date; and

(*c*) Last, determine the sum of the noncorporate distributees' allocable share of the corporation's undistributed personal holding company income for all such distributions.

For rules applicable in a case where the distributing corporation has more than one class of stock, see subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph.

(iii) Where the distributing corporation has more than one class of stock—

(*a*) The undistributed personal holding company income for the taxable year in which, or in respect of which the distribution was made shall be treated as a fund from which dividends may properly be paid and shall be allocated between or among the classes of stock in a manner consistent with the dividend rights of such classes under local law and the pertinent governing instruments, such as, for example, the distributing corporation's articles or certificate of incorporation and bylaws;

(*b*) The noncorporate distributees' allocable share of the undistributed personal holding company income for each class of stock shall be determined separately in accordance with the rules set forth in subdivisions (i) or (ii) of this subparagraph, as if each class of stock were the only class of stock outstanding; and

(*c*) The sum of the noncorporate distributees' allocable share of the undistributed personal holding company income for the taxable year in which, or in respect of which, the distribution was made shall be the sum of the noncorporate distributees' allocable share of the undistributed personal holding company income for all classes of stock.

(iv) For purposes of this subparagraph, in any case where the record date of a liquidating distribution cannot be ascertained, the record date of the distribution shall be the date on which the liquidating distribution was actually made.

(4) The amount designated as a dividend to a noncorporate distributee for any taxable year of the distributing corporation may not exceed an amount equal to the sum of the noncorporate distributees' allocable share of undistributed personal holding company income (as determined under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph) for such year multiplied by the ratio

which the aggregate value of the stock held by such distributee immediately before the record date of the liquidating distribution or, if the record date cannot be ascertained, immediately before the date on which the liquidating distribution was actually made, bears to the aggregate value of stock outstanding held by all noncorporate distributees on such date. In any case where more than one liquidating distribution is made during the taxable year, the aggregate amount which may be designated as a dividend to a noncorporate distributee for such year may not exceed the aggregate of the amounts determined by applying the principle of the preceding sentence to the amounts determined under subparagraph (3)(ii) (*a*) and (*b*) of this paragraph for each distribution. Where the distributing corporation has more than one class of stock, the limitation on the amount which may be designated as a dividend to a noncorporate distributee for any taxable year shall be determined by applying the rules of this subparagraph separately with respect to the noncorporate distributees' allocable share of the undistributed personal holding company income for each class of stock (as determined under subparagraph (3)(iii) (*a*) and (*b*) of this paragraph).

(5) A corporation may designate as a dividend to a shareholder all or part of a distribution in complete liquidation described in section 316(b)(2)(B) of this paragraph by:

(i) Claiming a dividends paid deduction for such amount in its return for the year in which, or in respect of which, the distribution is made,

(ii) Including such amount as a dividend in Form 1099 filed in respect of such shareholder pursuant to section 6042(a) and the regulations thereunder and in a written statement of dividend payments furnished to such shareholder pursuant to section 6042(c) and § 1.6042-4, and

(iii) Indicating on the written statement of dividend payments furnished to such shareholder the amount included in such statement which is designated as a dividend under section 316(b)(2)(B) and this paragraph.

If a corporation complies with the procedure prescribed in the preceding sentence, it satisfies both the designation and notification requirements of section 316(b)(2)(B)(ii) and paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section. An amount designated as a dividend shall not be included as a distribution in liquidation on Form 1099L filed pursuant to § 1.6043-2 (relating to returns of information respecting distributions in liquidation). If a corporation designates a dividend in accordance with this subparagraph, it shall attach to the return in which it claims a deduction for such designated dividend a schedule indicating all facts necessary to determine the sum of the noncorporate distributees' allocable share of undistributed personal holding company income (determined in accordance with subparagraph (3) of this paragraph) for the year in which, or in respect of which, the distribution is made.

(c) Except as provided in section 316(b)(1), the term "dividend" includes any distribution of property to shareholders to the extent made out of accumulated or current earnings and profits. See, however, section 331 (relating to distributions in complete or partial liquidation), section 301(e) (relating to distributions by personal service corporations), section 302(b) (relating to redemptions treated as amounts received from the sale or exchange of stock), and section 303 (relating to distributions in redemption of stock to pay death taxes). See also section 305(b) for certain distributions of stock or stock rights treated as distributions of property.

(d) In the case of a corporation which, under the law applicable to the taxable year in respect of which a distribution is made under section 859 (relating to deficiency dividends), was a real estate investment trust (within the meaning of section 856), the term "dividend," in addition to the meaning set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 316, means a distribution of property to its shareholders which constitutes a "deficiency dividend" as defined in section 859(d).

(e) The application of section 316 may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). At the beginning of the calendar year 1955, Corporation M had an operating deficit of $200,000 and the earnings and profits for the year amounted to $100,000. Beginning on March 16, 1955, the corporation made quarterly distributions of $25,000 during the taxable year to its shareholders. Each distribution is a taxable dividend in full, irrespective of the actual or the pro rata amount of the earnings and profits on hand at any of the dates of distribution, since the total distributions made during the year ($100,000) did not exceed the total earnings and profits of the year ($100,000).

Example (2). At the beginning of the calendar year 1955, Corporation N, a personal holding company, had no accumulated earnings and profits. During that year it made no earnings and profits but, due to the disallowance of certain deductions, its undistributed personal holding company income (determined under section 545 without regard to distributions under section 316(b)(2)) was $16,000. It distributed to shareholders on December 15, 1955, $15,000, and on February 1, 1956, $1,000, the latter amount being claimed as a deduction under section 563 in its personal holding company schedule for 1955 filed with its return for 1955 on March 15, 1956. Both distributions are taxable dividends in full, since they do not exceed the undistributed personal holding company income (determined without regard to such distributions) for 1955, the taxable year in which the distribution of $15,000 was made and with respect to which the distribution of $1,000 was made. It is immaterial whether Corporation N is a personal holding company for the taxable year 1956 or whether it had any income for that year.

Example (3). In 1959, a deficiency in personal holding company tax was established against Corporation O for the taxable year 1955 in the amount of $35,500 based on an undistributed personal holding company income of $42,000. Corporation O complied with the provisions of section 547 and in December 1959 distributed $42,000 to its stockholders as "deficiency dividends." The distribution of $42,000 is a taxable dividend since it does not exceed $42,000 (the undistributed personal holding company income for 1955, the taxable year with respect to which the distribution was made). It is immaterial whether Corporation O is a personal holding company for the taxable year 1959 or whether it had any income for that year.

Example (4). At the beginning of the taxable year 1955, Corporation P, a personal holding company, had a deficit in earnings and profits of $200,000. During that year it made earnings and profits of $90,000. For that year, however, it had an undistributed personal holding income (determined under section 545 without regard to distributions under section 316(b)(2)) of $80,000. During such taxable year it distributed to its shareholders $100,000. The distribution of $100,000 is a taxable dividend to the extent of $90,000 since its earnings and profits for that year, $90,000, exceed $80,000, the undistributed personal holding company income determined without regard to such distribution.

Example (5). Corporation O, a calendar year taxpayer, is completely liquidated on December 31, 1964, pursuant to a plan of liquidation adopted July 1, 1964. No distributions in liquidation were made pursuant to the plan of liquidation adopted July 1, 1964, until the distribution in complete liquidation on December 31, 1964. Corporation O has undistributed personal holding company income of $300,000 for the year 1964 (computed without regard to section 562(b) or section 316(b)(2)(B)). On December 31, 1964, immediately before the record date of the distribution in complete liquidation, individual A owns 200 shares of Corporation O's outstanding stock and Corporation P owns the remaining 100 shares of outstanding stock. All shares are equal in value. The noncorporate distributees' allocable share of undistributed personal holding company income for 1964 is $200,000

200 shares÷300 shares × $300,000.

If at least $200,000 is distributed to A in the liquidation, then Corporation O may designate $200,000 to A as a dividend in accordance with paragraph (b)(5) of this section, and, if such amount is designated, then A must treat $200,000 as a dividend to which section 301 applies. For an example of the treatment of the distribution to Corporation P see paragraph (b)(2)(iii) of § 1.562-1.

Example (6). Corporation Q, a calendar year taxpayer, is completely liquidated on December 31, 1964, pursuant to a plan of liquidation adopted July 1, 1964. No distributions in liquidation were made pursuant to the plan of liquidation adopted July 1, 1964, until the distribution in complete liquidation on December 31, 1964. Corporation Q has undistributed personal holding company income of $40,000 for the year 1964 (computed without regard to section 562(b) or section 316(b)(2)(B)). On December 31, 1964, immediately before the record date of the distribution in complete liquidation, Corporation Q has outstanding 300 shares of common stock and 100 shares of noncumulative preferred stock. Corporation Q's articles of incorporation provide that the preferred stock is entitled to dividends of $10 per share per year. Of Corporation Q's stock, individual B owns 200 shares of the common stock and 50 shares of the preferred stock, and Corporation R owns all remaining shares. All of the common shares are equal in value, and all of the preferred shares are equal in value. No dividends had been paid on the preferred stock during the year 1964. Of the $40,000 of undistributed personal holding company income, $1,000 must be allocated to the preferred stock because of the rights of the holders of such stock, under Q's articles of incorporation, to receive that amount in dividends for the year 1964. The noncorporate distributees' allocable share of undistributed personal holding company income for 1964 is $26,500.

50 preferred shares÷100 preferred shares×$1,000+200 common shares ÷ 300 common shares×$39,000

If at least $26,500 is distributed to B in the liquidation, then corporation Q may designate $26,500 to B as a dividend in accordance with paragraph (b)(5) of this section, and, if such amount is designated, then B must treat $26,500 as a dividend to which section 301 applies.

Example (7). In 1979, a deficiency of $46,000 in the tax on real estate investment trust taxable income is established against corporation R for the taxable year 1977, based on an increase in real estate investment trust taxable income of $100,000. Corporation R complied with the provisions of section 859 and in December 1979 distributed to its stockholders $100,000, which qualified as "deficiency dividends" under section 859(d). The distribution of $100,000 is a taxable dividend. It is immaterial whether corporation R is a real estate investment trust for the taxable year 1979 or whether it had accumulated or current earnings and profits in 1979.

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§ 1.316-2 Sources of distribution in general.

(a) For the purpose of income taxation every distribution made by a corporation is made out of earnings and profits to the extent thereof and from the most recently accumulated earnings and profits. In determining the source of a distribution, consideration should be given first, to the earnings and profits of the taxable year; second, to the earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913, only in the case where, and to the extent that, the distributions made during the taxable year are not regarded as out of the earnings and profits of that year; third, to the earnings and profits accumulated before March 1, 1913, only after all the earnings and profits of the taxable year and all the earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913, have been distributed; and, fourth, to sources other than earnings and profits only after the earnings and profits have been distributed.

(b) If the earnings and profits of the taxable year (computed as of the close of the year without diminution by reason of any distributions made during the year and without regard to the amount of earnings and profits at the time of the distribution) are sufficient in amount to cover all the distributions made during that year, then each distribution is a taxable dividend. See § 1.316-1. If the distributions made during the taxable year consist only of money and exceed the earnings and profits of such year, then that proportion of each distribution which the total of the earnings and profits of the year bears to the total distributions made during the year shall be regarded as out of the earnings and profits of that year. The portion of each such distribution which is not regarded as out of earnings and profits of the taxable year shall be considered a taxable dividend to the extent of the earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913, and available on the date of the distribution. In any case in which it is necessary to determine the amount of earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913, and the actual earnings and profits to the date of a distribution within any taxable year (whether beginning before January 1, 1936, or, in the case of an operating deficit, on or after that date) cannot be shown, the earnings and profits for the year (or accounting period, if less than a year) in which the distribution was made shall be prorated to the date of the distribution not counting the date on which the distribution was made.

(c) The provisions of the section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. At the beginning of the calendar year 1955, Corporation M had $12,000 in earnings and profits accumulated since February 28, 1913. Its earnings and profits for 1955 amounted to $30,000. During the year it made quarterly cash distributions of $15,000 each. Of each of the four distributions made, $7,500 (that portion of $15,000 which the amount of $30,000, the total earnings and profits of the taxable year, bears to $60,000, the total distributions made during the year) was paid out of the earnings and profits of the taxable year; and of the first and second distributions, $7,500 and $4,500, respectively, were paid out of the earnings and profits accumulated after February 28, 1913, and before the taxable year, as follows:

Distributions during 1955		Portion out of earnings and profits of the taxable year	Portion out of earnings accumulated since Feb. 28, 1913, and before the taxable year	Taxable amt. of each distribution
Date	Amount			
March 10	$15,000	$7,500	$7,500	$15,000
June 10	15,000	7,500	4,500	12,000
September 10	15,000	7,500		7,500
December 10	15,000	7,500		7,500
Total amount taxable as dividends				42,000

(d) Any distribution by a corporation out of earnings and profits accumulated before March 1, 1913, or out of increase in value of property accrued before March 1, 1913 (whether or not realized by sale or other disposition, and, if realized, whether before, on, or after March 1, 1913), is not a dividend within the meaning of subtitle A of the Code.

(e) A reserve set up out of gross income by a corporation and maintained for the purpose of making good any loss of capital assets on account of depletion or depreciation is not a part of surplus out of which ordinary dividends may be paid. A distribution made from a depletion or a depreciation reserve based upon the cost or other basis of the property will not be considered as having been paid out of earnings and profits, but the amount thereof shall be applied against and reduce the cost or other basis of the stock upon which declared. If such a distribution is in excess of the basis, the excess shall be taxed as a gain from the sale or other disposition of property as provided in section 301(c)(3)(A). A distribution from a depletion reserve based upon discovery value to the extent that such reserve represents the excess of the discovery value over the cost or other basis for determining gain or loss, is, when received by the shareholders, taxable as an ordinary dividend. The amount by which a corporation's percentage depletion allowance for any year exceeds depletion sustained on cost or other basis, that is, determined without regard to discovery or percentage depletion allowances for the year of distribution or prior years, constitutes a part of the corporation's "earnings and profits accumulated after February 28, 1913," within the meaning of section 316, and, upon distribution to shareholders, is taxable to them as a dividend. A distribution made from that portion of a depletion reserve based upon a valuation as of March 1, 1913, which is in excess of the depletion reserve based upon cost, will not be considered as having been paid out of earnings and profits, but the amount of the distribution shall be applied against and reduce the cost or other basis of the stock upon which declared. See section 301. No distribution, however, can be made from such a reserve until all the earnings and profits of the corporation have first been distributed.

§ 1.317-1 Property defined.

The term "property", for purposes of part 1, subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code, means any property (including money, securities, and indebtedness to the corporation) other than stock, or rights to acquire stock, in the corporation making the distribution.

§ 1.318-1 Constructive ownership of stock; introduction.

(a) For the purposes of certain provisions of chapter 1 of the Code, section 318(a) provides that stock owned by a taxpayer includes stock constructively owned by such taxpayer under the rules set forth in such section. An individual is considered to own the stock owned, directly or indirectly, by or for his spouse (other than a spouse who is legally separated from the individual under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance), and by or for his children, grandchildren, and parents.

Under section 318(a) (2) and (3), constructive ownership rules are established for partnerships and partners, estates and beneficiaries, trusts and beneficiaries, and corporations and stockholders. If any person has an option to acquire stock, such stock is considered as owned by such person. The term "option" includes an option to acquire such an option and each of a series of such options.

(b) In applying section 318(a) to determine the stock ownership of any person for any one purpose—

(1) A corporation shall not be considered to own its own stock by reason of section 318(a)(3)(C);

(2) In any case in which an amount of stock owned by any person may be included in the computation more than one time, such stock shall be included only once, in the manner in which it will impute to the person concerned the largest total stock ownership; and

(3) In determining the 50-percent requirement of section 318(a) (2)(C) and (3)(C), all of the stock owned actually and constructively by the person concerned shall be aggregated.

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§ 1.318-2 Application of general rules.

(a) The application of paragraph (b) of § 1.318-1 may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). H, an individual, owns all of the stock of corporation A. Corporation A is not considered to own the stock owned by H in corporation A.

Example (2). H, an individual, his wife, W, and his son, S, each own one-third of the stock of the Green Corporation. For purposes of determining the amount of stock owned by H, W, or S for purposes of section 318(a) (2)(C) and (3)(C), the amount of stock held by the other members of the family shall be added pursuant to paragraph (b)(3) of § 1.318-1 in applying the 50-percent requirement of such section. H, W, or S, as the case may be, is for this purpose deemed to own 100 percent of the stock of the Green Corporation.

(b) The application of section 318(a)(1), relating to members of a family, may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. An individual, H, his wife, W, his son, S, and his grandson (S's son), G, own the 100 outstanding shares of stock of a corporation, each owning 25 shares. H, W, and S are each considered as owning 100 shares. G is considered as owning only 50 shares, that is, his own and his father's.

(c) The application of section 318(a) (2) and (3), relating to partnerships, trusts and corporations, may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). A, an individual, has a 50 percent interest in a partnership. The partnership owns 50 of the 100 outstanding shares of stock of a corporation, the remaining 50 shares being owned by A. The partnership is considered as owning 100 shares. A is considered as owning 75 shares.

Example (2). A testamentary trust owns 25 of the outstanding 100 shares of stock of a corporation. A, an individual, who holds a vested remainder in the trust having a value, computed actuarially equal to 4 percent of the value of the trust property, owns the remaining 75 shares. Since the interest of A in the trust is a vested interest rather than a contingent interest (whether or not remote), the trust is considered as owning 100 shares. A is considered as owning 76 shares.

Example (3). The facts are the same as in (2), above, except that A's interest in the trust is a contingent remainder. A is considered as owning 76 shares. However, since A's interest in the trust is a remote contingent interest, the trust is not considered as owning any of the shares owned by A.

Example (4). A and B, unrelated individuals, own 70 percent and 30 percent, respectively, in value of the stock of Corporation M. Corporation M owns 50 of the 100 outstanding shares of stock of Corporation O, the remaining 50 shares being owned by A. Corporation M is considered as owning 100 shares of Corporation O, and A is considered as owning 85 shares.

Example (5). A and B, unrelated individuals, own 70 percent and 30 percent, respectively, of the stock of corporation M. A, B, and corporation M all own stock of corporation O. Since B owns less than 50 percent in value of the stock of corporation M, neither B nor corporation M constructively owns the stock of corporation O owned by the other. However, for purposes of certain sections of the Code, such as sections 304 and 856(d), the 50-percent limitation of section 318(a) (2)(C) and (3)(C) is disregarded or is reduced to less than 30 percent. For such purposes, B constructively owns his proportionate share of the stock of corporation O owned directly by corporation M, and corporation M constructively owns the stock of corporation O owned by B.

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§ 1.318-3 Estates, trusts, and options.

(a) For the purpose of applying section 318(a), relating to estates, property of a decedent shall be considered as owned by his estate if such property is subject to administration by the executor or administrator for the purpose of paying claims against the estate and expenses of administration notwithstanding that, under local law, legal title to such property vests in the decedent's heirs, legatees or devisees immediately upon death. The term "beneficiary" includes any person entitled to receive property of a decedent pursuant to a will or pursuant to laws of descent and distribution. A person shall no longer be considered a beneficiary of an estate when all the property to which he is entitled has been received by him, when he no longer has a claim against the estate arising out of having been a beneficiary, and when there is only a remote possibility that it will be necessary for the estate to seek the return of property or to seek payment from him by contribution or otherwise to satisfy claims against the estate or expenses of administration. When, pursuant to the preceding sentence, a person ceases to be a beneficiary, stock owned by him shall not thereafter be considered owned by the estate, and stock owned by the estate shall not thereafter be considered owned by him. The application of section 318(a) relating to estates may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). (a) A decedent's estate owns 50 of the 100 outstanding shares of stock of corporation X. The remaining shares are owned by three unrelated individuals, A, B, and C, who together own the entire interest in the estate. A owns 12 shares of stock of corporation X directly and is entitled to 50 percent of the estate. B owns 18 shares directly and has a life estate in the remaining 50 percent of the estate. C owns 20 shares directly and also owns the remainder interest after B's life estate.

(b) If section 318(a)(5)(C) applies (see paragraph (c)(3) of § 1.318-4), the stock of corporation X is considered to be owned as follows: the estate is considered as owning 80 shares, 50 shares directly, 12 shares constructively through A, and 18 shares constructively through B; A is considered as owning 37 shares, 12 shares directly, and 25 shares constructively (50 percent of the 50 shares owned directly by the estate); B is considered as owning 43 shares, 18 shares directly and 25 shares constructively (50 percent of the 50 shares owned directly by the estate); C is considered as owning 20 shares directly and no shares constructively. C is not considered a beneficiary of the estate under section 318(a) since he has no direct present interest in the property held by the estate nor in the income produced by such property.

(c) If section 318(a)(5)(C) does not apply, A is considered as owning nine additional shares (50 percent of the 18 shares owned constructively by the estate through B), and B is considered as owning six additional shares (50 percent of the 12 shares owned constructively by the estate through A).

Example (2). Under the will of A, Blackacre is left to B for life, remainder to C, an unrelated individual. The residue of the estate consisting of stock of a corporation is left to D. B and D are beneficiaries of the estate under section 318(a). C is not considered a beneficiary since he has no direct present interest in Blackacre nor in the income produced by such property. The stock owned by the estate is considered as owned proportionately by B and D.

(b) For the purpose of section 318(a)(2)(B) stock owned by a trust will be considered as being owned by its beneficiaries only to the extent of the interest of such beneficiaries in the trust. Accordingly, the interest of income beneficiaries, remainder beneficiaries, and other beneficiaries will be computed on an actuarial basis. Thus, if a trust owns 100 percent of the stock of Corporation A, and if, on an actuarial basis, W's life interest in the trust is 15 percent, Y's life interest is 25 percent, and Z's remainder interest is 60 percent, under this provision W will be considered to be the owner of 15 percent of the stock of Corporation A, Y will be considered to be the owner of 25 percent of such stock, and Z will be considered to be the owner of 60 percent of such stock. The factors and methods prescribed in § 20.2031-7 of this chapter (Estate Tax Regulations) for use in ascertaining the value of an interest in property for estate tax purposes shall be used in determining a beneficiary's actuarial interest in a trust for purposes of this section. See § 20.2031-7 of this chapter (Estate Tax Regulations) for examples illustrating the use of these factors and methods.

(c) The application of section 318(a) relating to options may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. A and B, unrelated individuals, own all of the 100 outstanding shares of stock of a corporation, each owning 50 shares. A has an option to acquire 25 of B's shares and has an option to acquire a further option to acquire the remaining 25 of B's shares. A is considered as owning the entire 100 shares of stock of the corporation.

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§ 1.318-4 Constructive ownership as actual ownership; exceptions.

(a) *In general.* Section 318(a)(5)(A) provides that, except as provided in section 318(a)(5) (B) and (C), stock constructively owned by a person by reason of the application of section 318(a) (1), (2), (3), or (4) shall be considered as actually owned by such person for purposes of applying section 318(a) (1), (2), (3), and (4). For example, if a trust owns 50 percent of the stock of corporation X, stock of corporation Y owned by corporation X which is attributed to the trust may be further attributed to the beneficiaries of the trust.

(b) *Constructive family ownership.* Section 318(a)(5)(B) provides that stock constructively owned by an individual by reason of ownership by a member of his family shall not be considered as owned by him for purposes of making another family member the constructive owner of such stock under section 318(a)(1). For example, if F and his two sons, A and B, each own one-third of the stock of a corporation, under section 318(a)(1), A is treated as owning constructively the stock owned by his father but is not treated as owning the stock owned by B. Section 318(a)(5)(B) prevents the attribution of the stock of one brother through the father to the other brother, an attribution beyond the scope of section 318(a)(1) directly.

(c) *Reattribution.* (1) Section 318(a)(5)(C) provides that stock constructively owned by a partnership, estate, trust, or corporation by reason of the application of section 318(a)(3) shall not be considered as owned by it for purposes of applying section 318(a)(2) in order to make another the constructive owner of such stock. For example, if two unrelated individuals are beneficiaries of the same trust, stock held by one which is attributed to the trust under section 318(a)(3) is not reattributed from the trust to the other beneficiary. However, stock constructively owned by reason of section 318(a)(2) may be reattributed under section 318(a)(3). Thus, for example, if all the stock of corporations X and Y is owned by A, stock of corporation Z held by X is attributed to Y through A.

(2) Section 318(a)(5)(C) does not prevent reattribution under section 318(a)(2) of stock constructively owned by an entity under section 318(a)(3) if the stock is also constructively owned by the entity under section 318(a)(4). For example, if individuals A and B are beneficiaries of a trust and the trust has an option to buy stock from A, B is considered under section 318(a)(2)(B) as owning a proportionate part of such stock.

(3) Section 318(a)(5)(C) is effective on and after August 31, 1964, except that for purposes of sections 302 and 304 it does not apply with respect to distributions in payment for stock acquisitions or redemptions if such acquisitions or redemptions occurred before August 31, 1964.

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CORPORATE LIQUIDATIONS

EFFECTS ON RECIPIENTS

§ 1.331-1 Corporate liquidations.

(a) Section 331 contains rules governing the extent to which gain or loss is recognized to a shareholder receiving a distribution in complete or partial liquidation of a corporation. Under section 331(a)(1), it is provided that amounts distributed in complete liquidation of a corporation shall be treated as in full payment in exchange for the stock. Under section 331(a)(2), it is provided that amounts distributed in partial liquidation of a corporation shall be treated as in full or part payment in exchange for the stock. For this purpose, the term "partial liquidation" shall have the meaning ascribed in section 346. If section 331 is applicable to the distribution of property by a corporation, section 301 (relating to the effects on a shareholder of distributions of property) has no application other than to a distribution in complete liquidation to which section 316(b)(2)(B) applies. See paragraph (b)(2) of § 1.316-1.

(b) The gain or loss to a shareholder from a distribution in partial or complete liquidation is to be determined under section 1001 by comparing the amount of the distribution with the cost or other basis of the stock. The gain or loss will be recognized to the extent provided in section 1002 and will be subject to the provisions of parts I, II, and III (section 1201 and following), subchapter P, chapter 1 of the Code.

(c) A liquidation which is followed by a transfer to another corporation of all or part of the assets of the liquidating corporation or which is preceded by such a transfer may, however, have the effect of the distribution of a dividend or of a transaction in which no loss is recognized and gain is recognized only to the extent of "other property." See sections 301 and 356.

(d) In every case in which a shareholder transfers stock in exchange for property to the corporation which issued such stock, the facts and circumstances shall be reported on his return unless the property is part of a distribution made pursuant to a corporate resolution reciting that the distribution is made in liquidation of the corporation and the corporation is completely liquidated and dissolved within one year after the distribution. See section 6043 for requirements relating to returns by corporations.

(e) The provisions of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. A, an individual who makes his income tax returns on the calendar year basis, owns 20 shares of stock of the P Corporation, a domestic corporation, 10 shares of which were acquired in 1951 at a cost of $1,500 and the remainder of 10 shares in December 1954 at a cost of $2,900. He receives in April 1955 a distribution of $250 per share in complete liquidation, or $2,500 on the 10 shares acquired in 1951, and $2,500 on the 10 shares acquired in December 1954. The gain of $1,000 on the shares acquired in 1951 is a long-term capital gain to be treated as provided in parts I, II, and III (section 1201 and following), subchapter P, chapter 1 of the Code. The loss of $400 on the shares acquired in 1954 is a short-term capital loss to be treated as provided in parts I, II, and III (section 1201 and following), subchapter P, chapter 1 of the Code.

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§ 1.332–1 Distributions in liquidation of subsidiary corporation; general.

Under the general rule prescribed by section 331 for the treatment of distributions in liquidation of a corporation, amounts received by one corporation in complete liquidation of another corporation are treated as in full payment in exchange for stock in such other corporation, and gain or loss from the receipt of such amounts is to be determined as provided in section 1001. Section 332 excepts from the general rule property received, under certain specifically described circumstances, by one corporation as a distribution in complete liquidation of the stock of another corporation and provides for the nonrecognition of gain or loss in those cases which meet the statutory requirements. Section 367 places a limitation on the application of section 332 in the case of foreign corporations. See section 334(b) for the basis for determining gain or loss from the subsequent sale of property received upon complete liquidations such as described in this section. See section 453(d)(4)(A) relative to distribution of installment obligations by subsidiary.

§ 1.332–2 Requirements for nonrecognition of gain or loss.

(a) The nonrecognition of gain or loss is limited to the receipt of such property by a corporation which is the actual owner of stock (in the liquidating corporation) possessing at least 80 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and the owner of at least 80 percent of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock (except nonvoting stock which is limited and preferred as to dividends). The recipient corporation must have been the owner of the specified amount of such stock on the date of the adoption of the plan of liquidation and have continued so to be at all times until the receipt of the property. If the recipient corporation does not continue qualified with respect to the ownership of stock of the liquidating corporation and if the failure to continue qualified occurs at any time prior to the completion of the transfer of all the property, the provisions for the nonrecognition of gain or loss do not apply to any distribution received under the plan.

(b) Section 332 applies only to those cases in which the recipient corporation receives at least partial payment for the stock which it owns in the liquidating corporation. If section 332 is not applicable, see section 165(g) relative to allowance of losses on worthless securities.

(c) To constitute a distribution in complete liquidation within the meaning of section 332, the distribution must be (1) made by the liquidating corporation in complete cancellation or redemption of all of its stock in accordance with a plan of liquidation, or (2) one of a series of distributions in complete cancellation or redemption of all its stock in accordance with a plan of liquidation. Where there is more than one distribution, it is essential that a status of liquidation exist at the time the first distribution is made under the plan and that such status continue until the liquidation is completed. Liquidation is completed when the liquidating corporation and the receiver or trustees in liquidation are finally divested of all the property (both tangible and intangible). A status of liquidation exists when the corporation ceases to be a going concern and its activities are merely for the purpose of winding up its affairs, paying its debts, and distributing any remaining balance to its shareholders. A liquidation may be completed prior to the actual dissolution of the liquidating corporation. However, legal dissolution of the corporation is not required. Nor will the mere retention of a nominal amount of assets for the sole purpose of preserving the corporation's legal existence disqualify the transaction. (See 26 CFR (1939) 39.22(a)-20 (Regulations 118).)

(d) If a transaction constitutes a distribution in complete liquidation within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and satisfies the requirements of section 332, it is not material that it is otherwise described under the local law. If a liquidating corporation distributes all of its property in complete liquidation and if pursuant to the plan for such complete liquidation a corporation owning the specified amount of stock in the liquidating corporation receives property constituting amounts distributed in complete liquidation within the meaning of the Code and also receives other property attributable to shares not owned by it, the transfer of the property to the recipient corporation shall not be treated, by reason of the receipt of such other property, as not being a distribution (or one of a series of distributions) in complete cancellation or redemption of all of the stock of the liquidating corporation within the meaning of section 332, even though for purposes of those provisions relating to corporate reorganizations the amount received by the recipient corporation in excess of its ratable share is regarded as acquired upon the issuance of its stock or securities in a tax-free exchange as described in section 361 and the cancellation or redemption of the stock not owned by the recipient corporation is treated as occurring as a result of a taxfree exchange described in section 354.

(e) The application of these rules may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. On September 1, 1954, the M Corporation had outstanding capital stock consisting of 3,000 shares of common stock, par value $100 a share, and 1,000 shares of preferred stock, par value $100 a share, which preferred stock was limited and preferred as to dividends and had no voting rights. On that date, and thereafter until the date of dissolution of the M Corporation, the O Corporation owned 2,500 shares of common stock of the M Corporation. By statutory merger consummated on October 1, 1954, pursuant to a plan of liquidation adopted on September 1, 1954, the M Corporation was merged into the O Corporation, the O Corporation under the plan issuing stock which was received by the other holders of the stock of the M Corporation. The receipt by the O Corporation of the properties of the M Corporation is a distribution received by the O Corporation in complete liquidation of the M Corporation within the meaning of section 332, and no gain or loss is recognized as the result of the receipt of such properties.

§ 1.332-3 Liquidations completed within one taxable year.

If in a liquidation completed within one taxable year pursuant to a plan of complete liquidation, distributions in complete liquidation are received by a corporation which owns the specified amount of stock in the liquidating corporation and which continues qualified with respect to the ownership of such stock until the transfer of all the property within such year is completed (see paragraph (a) of § 1.332-2), then no gain or loss shall be recognized with respect to the distributions received by the recipient corporation. In such case no waiver or bond is required of the recipient corporation under section 332.

§ 1.332-4 Liquidations covering more than one taxable year.

(a) If the plan of liquidation is consummated by a series of distributions extending over a period of more than one taxable year, the nonrecognition of gain or loss with respect to the distributions in liquidation shall, in addition to the requirements of § 1.332-2, be subject to the following requirements:

(1) In order for the distribution in liquidation to be brought within the exception provided in section 332 to the general rule for computing gain or loss with respect to amounts received in liquidation of a corporation, the entire property of the corporation shall be transferred in accordance with a plan of liquidation, which plan shall include a statement showing the period within which the transfer of the property of the liquidating corporation to the recipient corporation is to be completed. The transfer of all the property under the liquidation must be completed within three years from the close of the taxable year during which is made the first of the series of distributions under the plan.

(2) For each of the taxable years which falls wholly or partly within the period of liquidation, the recipient corporation shall, at the time of filing its return, file with the district director of internal revenue a waiver of the statute of limitations on assessment. The waiver shall be executed on such form as may be prescribed by the Commissioner and shall extend the period of assessment of all income and profits taxes for each such year to a date not earlier than one year after the last date of the period for assessment of such taxes for the last taxable year in which the transfer of the property of such liquidating corporation to the controlling corporation may be completed in accordance with section 332. Such waiver shall also contain such other terms with respect to assessment as may be considered by the Commissioner to be necessary to insure the assessment and collection of the correct tax liability for each year within the period of liquidation.

(3) For each of the taxable years which falls wholly or partly within the period of liquidation, the recipient corporation may be required to file a bond, the amount of which shall be fixed by the district director. The bond shall contain all terms specified by the Commissioner, including provisions unequivocally assuring prompt payment of the excess of income and profits taxes (plus penalty, if any, and interest) as computed by the district director without regard to the provisions of sections 332 and 334(b) over such taxes computed with regard to such provisions, regardless of whether such excess may or may not be made the subject of a notice of deficiency under section 6212 and regardless of whether it may or may not be assessed. Any bond required under section 332 shall have such surety or sureties as the Commissioner may require. However, see 6 U.S.C. 15, providing that where a bond is required by law or regulations, in lieu of surety or sureties there may be deposited bonds or notes of the United States. Only surety companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary as acceptable sureties on Federal bonds will be approved as sureties. The bonds shall be executed in triplicate so that

the Commissioner, the taxpayer, and the surety or the depositary may each have a copy. On and after September 1, 1953, the functions of the Commissioner with respect to such bonds shall be performed by the district director for the internal revenue district in which the return was filed and any bond filed on or after such date shall be filed with such district director.

(b) Pending the completion of the liquidation, if there is a compliance with paragraph (a) (1), (2), and (3) of this section and § 1.332-2 with respect to the nonrecognition of gain or loss, the income and profits tax liability of the recipient corporation for each of the years covered in whole or in part by the liquidation shall be determined without the recognition of any gain or loss on account of the receipt of the distributions in liquidation. In such determination, the basis of the property or properties received by the recipient corporation shall be determined in accordance with section 334(b). However, if the transfer of the property is not completed within the three-year period allowed by section 332 or if the recipient corporation does not continue qualified with respect to the ownership of stock of the liquidating corporation as required by that section, gain or loss shall be recognized with respect to each distribution and the tax liability for each of the years covered in whole or in part by the liquidation shall be recomputed without regard to the provisions of section 332 or section 334(b) and the amount of any additional tax due upon such recomputation shall be promptly paid.

§ 1.332-5 Distribution in liquidation as affecting minority interests.

Upon the liquidation of a corporation in pursuance of a plan of complete liquidation, the gain or loss of minority shareholders shall be determined without regard to section 332, since it does not apply to that part of distributions in liquidation received by minority shareholders.

§ 1.332-6 Records to be kept and information to be filed with return.

(a) Permanent records in substantial form shall be kept by every corporation receiving distributions in complete liquidation within the exception provided in section 332 showing the information required by this section to be submitted with its return. The plan of liquidation must be adopted by each of the corporations parties thereto; and the adoption must be shown by the acts of its duly constituted responsible officers, and appear upon the official records of each such corporation.

(b) For the taxable year in which the liquidation occurs, or, if the plan of liquidation provides for a series of distributions over a period of more than one year, for each taxable year in which a distribution is received under the plan the recipient must file with its return a complete statement of all facts pertinent to the nonrecognition of gain or loss, including:

(1) A certified copy of the plan for complete liquidation, and of the resolutions under which the plan was adopted and the liquidation was authorized, together with a statement under oath showing in detail all transactions incident to, or pursuant to, the plan.

(2) A list of all the properties received upon the distribution, showing the cost or other basis of such properties to the liquidating corporation at the date of distribution and the fair market value of such properties on the date distributed.

(3) A statement of any indebtedness of the liquidating corporation to the recipient corporation on the date the plan of liquidation was adopted and on the date of the first liquidating distribution. If any such indebtedness was acquired at less than face value, the cost thereof to the recipient corporation must also be shown.

(4) A statement as to its ownership of all classes of stock of the liquidating corporation (showing as to each class the number of shares and percentage owned and the voting power of each share) as of the date of the adoption of the plan of liquidation, and at all times since, to and including the date of the distribution in liquidation. The cost or other basis of such stock and the date or dates on which purchased must also be shown.

§ 1.332-7 Indebtedness of subsidiary to parent.

If section 332(a) is applicable to the receipt of the subsidiary's property in complete liquidation, then no gain or loss shall be recognized to the subsidiary upon the transfer of such properties even though some of the properties are transferred in satisfaction of the subsidiary's indebtedness to its parent. However, any gain or loss realized by the parent corporation on such satisfaction of indebtedness, shall be recognized to the parent corporation at the time of the liquidation. For example, if the parent corporation purchased its subsidiary's bonds at a discount and upon liquidation of the subsidiary the parent corporation receives payment for the face amount of such bonds, gain shall be recognized to the parent corporation. Such gain shall be measured by the difference between the cost or other basis of the bonds to the parent and the amount received in payment of the bonds.

§ 1.333-1 Corporate liquidations in some one calendar month.

(a) *In general.* Section 333 provides a special rule, in the case of certain specifically described complete liquidations of domestic corporations occurring within some one calendar month, for the treatment of gain on the shares of stock owned by qualified electing shareholders at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation. The effect of such section is in general to postpone the recognition of that portion of a qualified electing shareholder's gain on the liquidation which would otherwise be recognized and which is attributable to appreciation in the value of certain corporate assets unrealized by the corporation at the time such assets are distributed in complete liquidation. Only qualified electing shareholders are entitled to the benefits of section 333. The determination of who is a qualified electing shareholder is to be made under section 333(c). Section 333(g) provides a rule for the treatment of gain in the case of liquidations which meet the requirements of section 333(g) in addition to the other requirements of section 333. (See § 1.333-5.) For the basis of property received on such liquidations, see section 334(c). Section 333 has no application to gain in respect of stock of a collapsible corporation to which section 341(a) applies.

(b) *Type of liquidation.* (1) The liquidation must be in pursuance of a plan of liquidation adopted on or after June 22, 1954. The plan must be adopted before the first distribution under the liquidation occurs. The 1954 Code requires that the transfer of all the property, both tangible and intangible, of the corporation to its shareholders shall occur entirely within some one calendar month. This requirement will be considered to have been complied with if cash is set aside under arrangements for the payment, after the close of such month, of unascertained or contingent liabilities and expenses, and such arrangements are made in good faith and the amount set aside is reasonable. It is not necessary that the month in which the transfer occurs must fall within the taxable or calendar year in which the plan of liquidation is adopted. Though it is not necessary that the corporation dissolve in the month of liquidation, it is essential that a status of liquidation exist at the time the first distribution is made under the plan and that such status continue to the date of dissolution of the corporation. A status of liquidation exists when the corporation ceases to be a going concern and its activities are merely for the purpose of winding up its affairs, paying its debts, and distributing any remaining balance to its shareholders.

(2) If a transaction constitutes a distribution in complete liquidation within the meaning of the Code and satisfies the requirements of section 333, it is immaterial that it is otherwise described under the local law.

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§ 1.333-2 Qualified electing shareholder.

(a) No corporate shareholder may be a qualified electing shareholder if at any time between January 1, 1954, and the date of the adoption of the plan of liquidation, both dates inclusive, it is the owner of stock of the liquidating corporation possessing 50 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote upon the adoption of the plan of liquidation. All other shareholders are divided into two groups for the purpose of determining whether they are qualified electing shareholders: (1) shareholders other than corporations, and (2) corporate shareholders.

(b) Any shareholder of either of such two groups, whether or not the stock he owns is entitled to vote on the adoption of the plan of liquidation, is a qualified electing shareholder if:

(1) His written election to be governed by the provisions of section 333, which cannot be withdrawn or revoked (except in the case of a conditional election made pursuant to section 333(g)(4) and paragraph (g) of § 1.333-5), has been made and filed as prescribed in § 1.333-3; and

(2) Like elections have been made and filed by owners of stock possessing at least 80 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock owned by shareholders of the same group at the time of, and entitled to vote upon, the adoption of the plan of liquidation, whether or not the shareholders making such elections actually realize gain upon the cancellation or redemption of such stock upon the liquidation.

(c) The application of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. The R Corporation has outstanding 20 shares of common stock on July 1, 1954, at the time of the adoption of a plan of liquidation within the provisions of section 333, each entitled to one vote upon the adoption of such plan of liquidation. At that time ten of such shares are owned by the S Corporation, two each by the X Corporation and the Y Corporation, one by the Z Corporation, and one each by A, B, C, D, and E, individuals. There are also outstanding at such time two shares of preferred stock, not entitled to vote on liquidation, one share being owned by F, an individual, and one share by the P Corporation. The S Corporation, being a corporate shareholder and the owner of 50 percent of the voting stock, may not be a qualified electing shareholder under any circumstances. In order for any other corporate shareholder to be a qualified electing shareholder, it is necessary that the X Corporation and the Y Corporation file their written elections to be governed by section 333. If this is done, the P Corporation will also be a qualified electing shareholder if it has filed a like election. Similarly, in the case of the individual shareholders, some combination of four of the individual holders of the common stock must have filed their written elections, before any individual shareholder may be considered a qualified electing shareholder, but if this is done, F will also be a qualified electing shareholder if he has filed a like election.

(d) An election to be governed by the provisions of section 333 relates to the treatment of gain realized upon the cancellation or redemption of stock upon liquidation. Such election, therefore, can be made only by or on behalf of the person by whom gains, if any, will be realized. Thus, the shareholder who may make such election must be the actual owner of stock and not a mere record holder, such as a nominee.

(e) A shareholder is entitled to make an election relative to the gain only on stock owned by him at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation. The election is personal to the shareholder making it and does not follow such stock into the hands of a transferee.

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§ 1.333-3 Making and filing of written elections.

An election to be governed by section 333 shall be made on Form 964 (revised) in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and with this section. The original and one copy shall be filed by the shareholder with the district director with whom the final income tax return of the corporation will be filed. The elections must be filed within 30 days after the adoption of the plan of liquidation.

Under no circumstances shall section 333 be applicable to any shareholders who fail to file their elections within the 30-day period prescribed. An election shall be considered as timely filed if it is placed in the mail on or before midnight of the 30th day after the adoption of the plan of liquidation, as shown by the postmark on the envelope containing the written election or as shown by other available evidence of the mailing date. Another copy of the election shall be attached to and made a part of the shareholder's income tax return for his taxable year in which the transfer of all the property under the liquidation occurs.

§ 1.333-4 Treatment of gain.

(a) *Computation of gain.* As in the case of shareholders generally, amounts received by qualified electing shareholders are treated as in full payment in exchange for their stock, as provided in section 331 and gain from the receipt of such amounts is determined as provided in section 1001. Gain or loss must be computed separately on each share of stock owned by a qualified electing shareholder at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation. The limited recognition and special treatment accorded by section 333 applies only to the gain on such shares of stock upon which gain was realized and not to net gain computed by setting off losses realized on some shares against gain on others. Since section 333 applies only to gain recognized, losses realized on the liquidation will be allowable only in the year of liquidation even though Forms 964 (revised) have been filed by those shareholders who realize only losses. Such filings may be necessary to fulfill the 80 percent requirement (under section 333(c)) so that those shareholders who realize gain may qualify under this section.

(b) *Recognition of gain.* Pursuant to section 333 only so much of the gain on each share of stock owned by a qualified electing shareholder at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation is recognized as does not exceed the greater of the following:

(1) Such share's ratable share of the earnings and profits of the corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913, computed as of the last day of the month of liquidation, without diminution by reason of distributions made during such month, and including in such computation all items of income and expense accrued up to the date on which the transfer of all the property under the liquidation is completed; or

(2) Such share's ratable share of the sum of the amount of money received by such shareholder on shares of the same class and the fair market value of all the stock or securities so received which were acquired by the liquidating corporation after December 31, 1953. The mere replacement after December 31, 1953 of lost or destroyed certificates or instruments acquired on or before December 31, 1953, or the mere conversion of certificates or instruments into certificates or instruments of larger or smaller denominations will not constitute an acquisition within the meaning of the phrase "acquired after December 31, 1953." Nor will such an acquisition result from the issuance after December 31, 1953 of certificates of stock in connection with a subscription made and accepted on or before December 31, 1953.

(c) *Treatment of recognized gain.* (1) In the case of a qualified electing shareholder other than a corporation, that part of the recognized gain on a share of stock owned at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation which is not in excess of his ratable share of the earnings and profits of the liquidating corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913, determined as provided in section 333(e)(1), is treated as a dividend. It retains its character as a dividend for all tax purposes. The remainder of the gain which is recognized is treated as a short-term or long-term capital gain, as the case may be. In the case of a qualified electing shareholder which is a corporation, the entire amount of the gain which is recognized is treated as a short-term or long-term capital gain, as the case may be.

(2) The application of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (i) X Corporation has only one class of stock outstanding, owned in equal amounts by three shareholders. The basis of the stock owned by each shareholder is $50, each having bought his stock in a single block prior to the date of the adoption of a plan of liquidation conforming to the requirements of section 333. One of the shareholders is an individual; two are corporations. All are "qualified electing shareholders".

(ii) X Corporation has earnings and profits accumulated after February 28, 1913, of $60 (computed as provided in section 333). Its assets consist of (*a*) cash of $75, (*b*) stock and securities acquired after December 31, 1953, having a fair market value of $90, and (*c*) other property having a fair market value of $240. In October 1954, all of these assets are distributed to the shareholders pro rata in complete liquidation of the corporation, as provided in section 333. Each shareholder thus receives $135 in cash and property, and has $85 gain.

(iii) Each shareholder's gain is recognized to the extent of $55 since such amount represents the sum of (*a*) the cash received by him and (*b*) the fair market value of the stock and securities received by him which were acquired by the X Corporation after December 31, 1953, and is greater than his ratable share of the earnings and profits ($20). The remainder of each shareholder's gain ($30) is not recognized.

(iv) In the case of the corporate shareholders the entire amount of the recognized gain ($55) is treated as capital gain. In the case of the individual shareholder, $20, being the amount of the shareholder's ratable share of the earnings and profits, is recognized and treated as a dividend, and $35, being the difference between the shareholder's ratable share of the earnings and profits and the sum of the cash and stock and securities received by him, is treated as a short-term or long-term capital gain, as the case may be.

(v) If the basis of each shareholder's stock had been $100, instead of $50, each of the corporate shareholders would be taxed on only $35 as capital gain and the individual shareholder would be taxed on $20 as a dividend and on only $15 as capital gain, since the total amount taxed is limited to the amount of gain realized by the shareholder upon the cancellation or redemption of his stock.

§ 1.333-5 Special rule for treatment of gain.

(a) *In general.* In the case of—

(1) A liquidation occurring before January 1, 1967, of a corporation described in paragraph (f)(1) of this section, and

(2) A liquidation occurring after December 31, 1966, of a corporation described in paragraph (f)(2) of this section,

notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) and (c) of § 1.333-4, the amount of gain (determined by reference to paragraph (a) of § 1.333-4) on each share of stock owned by a qualified electing shareholder at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation which is recognized shall be determined under paragraph (b) of this section, and the treatment of such recognized gain shall be determined under paragraph (c) or (d) of this section. This section applies only with respect to distributions made in any taxable year of the distributing corporation beginning after December 31, 1963.

(b) *Recognition of gain.* In the case of a liquidation to which this section applies, the determination of the amount of recognized gain on each share of stock owned by a qualified electing shareholder at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation shall be made under paragraph (b) of § 1.333-4 except that the date "December 31, 1962" shall be substituted for the date "December 31, 1953" wherever such date appears in paragraph (b)(2) of § 1.333-4.

(c) *Treatment of recognized gain—Liquidations before January 1, 1967.* Where the liquidation of a corporation described in paragraph (f)(1) of this section occurs before January 1, 1967—

(1) In the case of a qualified electing shareholder other than a corporation, the recognized gain on a share of stock owned at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation and which has been held by such shareholder for more than six months is treated as a long-term capital gain.

(2) In the case of a qualified electing shareholder other than a corporation, that part of the recognized gain on a share of stock owned at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation and which has been held by such shareholder for not more than six months which is not in excess of his ratable share of the earnings and profits of the liquidating corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913, determined as provided in section 333(e)(1), is treated as a dividend and retains its character as such for all tax purposes. The remainder of the gain which is recognized is treated as a short-term capital gain.

(3) In the case of a qualified electing shareholder which is a corporation, the entire amount of the gain which is recognized is treated as a short-term

or long-term capital gain, as the case may be.

(d) *Treatment of recognized gain—Liquidations after December 31, 1966.* Where the liquidation of a corporation described in paragraph (f)(2) of this section occurs after December 31, 1966—

(1) In the case of a qualified electing shareholder other than a corporation, the recognized gain on a share of stock owned at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation which has been held by such shareholder for more than 1-year (6 months for taxable years beginning before 1977; 9 months for taxable years beginning in 1977) is treated as follows:

(i) That part of the recognized gain which is not in excess of his ratable share of the earnings and profits of the liquidating corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913, and before January 1, 1967, is treated as a long-term capital gain;

(ii) That part of the recognized gain remaining after subtracting the part treated as a long-term capital gain under subdivision (i) of this subparagraph which is not in excess of his ratable share of earnings and profits of the liquidating corporation accumulated after December 31, 1966, computed as of the last day of the month of liquidation, without diminution by reason of distributions made during such month, and including in such computation all items of income and expense accrued up to the date on which the transfer of all property under the liquidation is completed, is treated as a dividend and retains its character as such for all tax purposes; and

(iii) The remainder of the gain which is recognized is treated as a long-term capital gain.

For purposes of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph, in the case of a liquidating corporation which, for its taxable year within which falls December 31, 1966, does not make its return on the basis of a calendar year, the ratable share of the earnings and profits of such corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913, and before January 1, 1967, shall be determined by treating the part of such year occurring before January 1, 1967, as a taxable year. For purposes of subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph, in the case of a liquidating corporation which, for its taxable year in which falls January 1, 1967, does not make its return on the basis of a calendar year, the ratable share of the earnings and profits of such corporation shall be determined by treating the part of such year occurring after December 31, 1966, as a taxable year.

(2) In the case of a qualified electing shareholder other than a corporation, that part of the recognized gain on a share of stock owned at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation and which has been held by such shareholder for not more than 1 year (6 months for taxable years beginning before 1977; 9 months for taxable years beginning in 1977) which is not in excess of his ratable share of the earnings and profits of the liquidating corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913, determined as provided in section 333(e)(1), is treated as a dividend and retains its character as such for all tax purposes. The remainder of the gain which is recognized is treated as a short-term capital gain.

(3) In the case of a qualified electing shareholder which is a corporation, the entire amount of the gain which is recognized is treated as a short-term or long-term capital gain, as the case may be.

(e) *Nonapplicability of paragraphs (c) and (d).* (1) The rules for treatment of recognized gain contained in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section do not apply to that part of the recognized gain on a share of stock which is not in excess of the qualified electing shareholder's ratable share of earnings and profits to which the liquidating corporation has succeeded after December 31, 1963, pursuant to any corporate reorganization or pursuant to any liquidation to which section 332 applies, except earnings and profits which on December 31, 1963, constituted earnings and profits of a corporation referred to in paragraph (f)(1) of this section and earnings and profits which were earned after such date by a corporation referred to in paragraph (f)(1) of this section. However, the rule for recognition of gain contained in paragraph (b) of this section applies even though the rules for treatment of gain (paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section) do not apply by reason of this paragraph.

(2) The application of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. M Corporation (a corporation referred to in paragraph (f)(1) of this section) succeeds to the earnings and profits of N Corporation (a corporation not referred to in paragraph (f)(1) of this section) under section 381 in a transaction occurring before January 1, 1964. In addition, M Corporation succeeds to the earnings and profits of O Corporation (a corporation not referred to in paragraph (f)(1) of this section) under section 381 in a transaction occurring after December 31, 1963. On December 31, 1965, M Corporation liquidates in accordance with section 333 and distributes all of its assets to its sole shareholder A, an individual. A is a qualified electing shareholder who owned his stock at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation and for more than 6 months. A's recognized gain is determined under paragraph (b) of this section. That part of the recognized gain which is not in excess of the earnings and profits of O Corporation (to which M succeeded) is treated as a dividend under paragraph (c) of § 1.333-4. The remainder of the gain which is recognized is treated as a long-term capital gain.

(f) *Corporations referred to.* (1)(i) For purposes of this section, a corporation described in this paragraph is a corporation which for at least 1 of its 2 most recent taxable years ending before February 26, 1964, was not a personal holding company under section 542, but which would have been a personal holding company under section 542 for such taxable year if the law applicable for the first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1963, had been applicable to such taxable year. The law applicable for the first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1963, for purposes of this section means part II (section 541 and following), subchapter G, chapter 1 of the Code as applicable to such year, but does not include amendments to other parts of the Code first applicable with respect to such year.

(ii) The application of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. In 1962, 80 percent of the gross income of the P Corporation, a calendar year taxpayer more than 50 percent of the stock of which is owned by four individuals, was personal holding company income as defined in section 542, prior to the amendment of such section by section 225 of the Revenue Act of 1964. In 1963 additional operating income was added, with the result that only 70 percent of its gross income (and adjusted ordinary gross income as defined in section 543(b)(2) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1963) for the year was personal holding company income. P Corporation's 2 most recent taxable years ending before February 26, 1964, are calendar years 1962 and 1963. The P Corporation was a personal holding company for 1962, but was not a personal holding company for 1963 since it did not meet the 80-percent income test of the existing section 542(a)(1) for that year. However, P Corporation would have been a personal holding company for 1963 if the provisions of sections 542(a)(1) and 543, as amended by section 225 of the Revenue Act of 1964, and as applicable to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1963, were applicable to 1963. Therefore, P is a corporation described in this subparagraph. It is immaterial whether P Corporation is or is not a personal holding company for its taxable years beginning after December 31, 1963. If P had been organized on January 1, 1963, it would still be a corporation referred to in this subparagraph.

(2) (i) For purposes of this section, a corporation described in paragraph (d) of this section is one described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph which:

(*a*) On January 1, 1964, owes qualified indebtedness (as defined in section 545(c)(3) and paragraph (d) of § 1.545-3);

(*b*) Before January 1, 1968, notifies the district director in accordance with paragraph (h) of this section that it may wish to have section 333(g)(2)(A) and paragraph (d) of this section apply to it; and

(*c*) Liquidates before the close of the first taxable year in which it ceases to owe qualified indebtedness, or, if earlier, the first taxable year at the close of which its adjusted post-1963 earnings and profits equal or exceed the amount of such corporation's qualified indebtedness on January 1, 1964.

(ii) For purposes of this section, the term "adjusted post-1963 earnings and profits" means the sum of—

(*a*) The earnings and profits of the distributing corporation for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1963, without diminution by reason of any distributions made out of such earnings and profits, and

(*b*) The deductions allowed to such corporation for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1963, for exhaustion, wear and tear, obsolescence, amortization, or depletion.

(g) *Mistake as to qualification.* If a shareholder makes a valid election to be governed by section 333 by filing Form 964 (revised) and states, in accordance with instructions printed thereon, that such election is made under the assumption that the liquidating corporation is a corporation described in paragraph (f)(1) of this section, then such election shall have no force or effect for any purpose if it is later determined that the liquidating corporation is not a corporation described in paragraph (f)(1) of this section. Thus, if the statement of assumption described in the preceding sentence is made, and it is later determined that the liquidating corporation is not a corporation described in paragraph (f)(1) of this section, then the entire election under section 333 is void even though the electing shareholder desires section 333 (without regard to section 333(g)) to apply to him. If, however, the statement of assumption is not made, then, assuming an otherwise valid election, the treatment of gain shall be determined under § 1.333-4 or this section, whichever is applicable. The conditional election referred to in this paragraph is the only exception to the rule of paragraph (b)(1) of § 1.333-2 that an election to be governed by the provisions of section 333 once filed cannot be withdrawn or revoked.

(h) *Notification in case of liquidation after December 31, 1966.* (1) If a corporation referred to in paragraph (f)(1) of this section determines that it may liquidate after December 31, 1966, under the provisions of section 333(g)(2)(A) and paragraph (d) of this section, then it must notify the district director for the district in which it files its income tax return for the taxable year within which falls the date of notification. Such notification shall be made by a statement filed with such district director before January 1, 1968, containing the following:

(i) The name, address, and employer identification number of the liquidating corporation;

(ii) A statement that the corporation may liquidate after December 31, 1966, and that it may wish section 333(g)(2)(A) to apply to it;

(iii) A computation indicating that the corporation was not a personal holding company under section 542 for at least one of its two most recent taxable years ending before February 26, 1964, but would have been a personal holding company under section 542 for such taxable year if the law applicable for the first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1963, had been applicable to such taxable year; and

(iv) All information necessary to determine whether, and in what amount, the corporation owed qualified indebtedness (as defined in section 545(c)(3) and paragraph (d) of § 1.545-3) on January 1, 1964, to what extent the corporation owes qualified indebtedness on the date of notification, and the adjusted post-1963 earnings and profits of the corporation at the close of taxable years ending before the date of notification, including the following:

(*a*) A summary of the terms upon which the qualified indebtedness was owed on January 1, 1964, and a summary of any changes occurring in such terms after such date;

(*b*) A schedule indicating the qualified indebtedness owed by the corporation at the close of each taxable year ending after December 31, 1963, if any such year has ended before notification occurs, and the qualified indebtedness owed on the date when notification is made under this paragraph; and

(*c*) A schedule indicating the amount of earnings and profits of the corporation for each taxable year beginning after December 31, 1963, and ending before the date of notification, if any such years have ended before notification occurs, without diminution by reason of any distribution made out of such earnings and profits; and a schedule indicating the deductions allowed to the corporation for each taxable year beginning after December 31, 1963, and ending before the date of notification, for exhaustion, wear and tear, obsolescence, amortization, or depletion.

(2) (i) If a corporation referred to in paragraph (f)(1) of this section actually liquidates after giving notification in accordance with subparagraph (1) of this paragraph and any shareholder claims the benefit of section 333(g)(2)(A), then such corporation shall file, with the district director for the district in which the corporation's Form 966 was filed, a statement containing the information referred to in subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph. The statement must be filed on or before February 28 of the year following the calendar year in which the complete liquidation occurs.

(ii) The information referred to in this subdivision is the following:

(*a*) The name, address, and employer identification number of the corporation;

(*b*) The date on which the corporation ceased to owe qualified indebtedness (as defined in section 545(c)); and

(*c*) The amount of earnings and profits of the corporation for each taxable year beginning after December 31, 1963, without diminution by reason of any distribution made out of such earnings and profits; and the deductions allowed to the corporation for each taxable year beginning after December 31, 1963, for exhaustion, wear and tear, obsolescence, amortization, or depletion.

(3) If a corporation actually liquidates during the calendar year 1967 without having notified the district director in accordance with subparagraph (1) of this paragraph and any shareholder claims the benefit of section 333(g)(2)(A) and paragraph (d) of this section, then it shall be deemed to have satisfied the notification and information requirements of section 333(g)(2)(B)(ii) if it files with the district director for the district in which such corporation's Form 966 was filed a statement containing all information necessary to determine whether, and in what amount, such corporation owed qualified indebtedness on January 1, 1964, and all information referred to in subparagraph (2)(ii) of this paragraph. The statement must be filed on or before February 28, 1968.

(i) *Examples.* The application of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). On January 2, 1964, Q Corporation which is a corporation described in paragraph (f)(1) of this section, adopts a plan of complete liquidation conforming to the requirements of section 333. Its assets on such date consist of the following items:

	Fair market value
Stock in R Corporation (acquired 1956)	$3,000,000
Stock in S Corporation (acquired 1963)	550,000
Real property	200,000
Total	3,750,000

On January 1, 1964, Q Corporation's earnings and profits accumulated after February 28, 1913, are $250,000. Q Corporation distributes all of its assets in complete liquidation, as provided in section 333, before January 31, 1964, to individual A, its sole shareholder. A acquired all of his stock in 1956, and his adjusted basis in such stock is $2 million. A's total gain realized on the liquidation is $1,750,000 ($3,750,000 minus $2 million). A is a "qualified electing shareholder". Under paragraph (b) of this section, A recognizes gain in the amount of $550,000 (the fair market value of the stock of S Corporation), since such amount is greater than $250,000 (his ratable share of the earnings and profits). The remainder of A's gain is not recognized at the time of liquidation of Q Corporation. Under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, the $550,000 recognized gain is treated as a long-term capital gain since A has held his stock for more than 6 months.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1) except that A acquired all of his stock in Q Corporation on September 30, 1963. Since A held his stock for not more than 6 months, $250,000 (his ratable share of earnings and profits) of his recognized gain is treated as a dividend, and $300,000 ($550,000 minus $250,000, the remainder of the recognized gain) is treated as a short-term capital gain.

Example (3). On January 1, 1964, T Corporation, a calendar year taxpayer, which is a corporation described in paragraph (f)(1) of this section, owes qualified indebtedness (as defined in section 545(c)(3)) in the amount of $200,000. No amounts are used or set aside after December 31, 1963, to retire the qualified indebtedness. T Corporation has earnings and profits accumulated after February 28, 1913, and before January 1, 1964, of $500,000. On June 30, 1966, in accordance with paragraph (h) of this section, T Corporation notifies the appropriate district director that it may wish to liquidate after December 31, 1966. T Corporation has earnings and profits of $50,000 for each of its taxable years 1964, 1965, and 1966, all of which are distributed to its shareholders in each such year. It has earnings and profits of $40,000 for its short taxable year beginning January 1, 1967, and ending June 30, 1967, the date of complete liquidation. No distributions are made during the taxable year beginning January 1, 1967, and ending June 30, 1967, other than distributions made in liquidation. For the years 1964, 1965, and 1966, and for the short taxable year beginning January 1, 1967, T Corporation is allowed deductions for depreciation in the total amount of $35,000. On January 8, 1967, T Corporation, in accordance with section 333, adopts a plan of complete liquidation and distributes on June 30, 1967, all of its assets, consisting of the following items:

Stock in X Corporation (acquired 1958)	$2,000,000
Stock in V Corporation (acquired 1964)	1,000,000
Real property	750,000
Tangible personal property	250,000
Total	4,000,000

Each of the assets are distributed equally to individual B and W Corporation, its two equal shareholders. B acquired all of his stock in 1958 and his adjusted basis in such stock is $1 million. W Corporation acquired all of its T Corporation stock in 1964, and has an adjusted basis for such stock of $1,500,000. B realizes gain on the liquidation of $1 million ($2 million minus $1 million) and W Corporation, $500,000 ($2 million minus $1,500,000). B is a "qualified electing shareholder". Under paragraph (b) of this section, B recognizes gain in the amount of $500,000 (the fair market value of his share of the stock of V Corporation) since such amount is greater than $270,000 (his ratable share of the earnings and profits). The $500,000 remainder of B's gain is not recognized at the time of liquidation of T Corporation. Such recognized gain of $500,000 is treated as follows:

Explanation	Amount	Treatment
B's ratable share of earnings and profits accumulated after Feb. 28, 1913, and before Jan. 1, 1967.	$250,000	Long-term capital gain.
B's ratable share of earnings and profits accumulated after Dec. 31, 1966.	20,000	Dividend.
Remainder	230,000	Long-term capital gain.

W Corporation's gain of $500,000 is recognized in full since it is excluded by section 333(b) from the application of section 333.

Example (4). The facts are the same as in example (3) except that on December 31, 1965, the sum of T Corporation's earnings and profits and depreciation deductions for its taxable years 1964 and 1965 was $185,000. At the close of 1966, the sum of T Corporation's earnings and profits and depreciation deductions for 1964, 1965, and 1966 was $250,000. T Corporation is not a corporation to which section 333(g)(2)(A) is applicable since it did not liquidate before December 31, 1966 (the close of the taxable year in which its adjusted post-1963 earnings and profits exceeded its qualified indebtedness). Thus, B is subject to the treatment prescribed by section 333 without regard to subsection (g) of such section.

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§ 1.333–6 Records to be kept and information to be filed with return.

(a) Permanent records in substantial form shall be kept by every qualified electing shareholder receiving distributions in complete liquidation of a domestic corporation. Such shareholder must file with his income tax return for his taxable year in which the liquidation occurs a statement of all facts pertinent to the recognition and treatment of the gain realized by him upon the shares of stock owned by him at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation including:

(1) A statement of his stock ownership in the liquidating corporation as of the record date of the distribution, showing the number of shares of each class owned on such date, the cost or other basis of each such share, and the date of acquisition of each such share;

(2) A list of all the property, including money, received upon the distribution, showing the fair market value of each item of such property other than money on the date distributed and stating what items, if any, consist of stock or securities acquired by the liquidating corporation after December 31, 1953, or after December 31, 1962, whichever date is applicable;

(3) A statement of his ratable share of the earnings and profits of the liquidating corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913, computed without diminution by reason of distributions made during the month of liq-

uidation (other than designated dividends under section 316(b)(2)(B));

(4) In the case of a liquidation to which section 333(g)(2) applies, a statement of his ratable share of earnings and profits of the liquidating corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913, and before January 1, 1967; and

(5) A copy of such shareholder's written election to be governed by the provisions of section 333. See § 1.333-3.

(b) For information to be filed by the liquidating corporation, see section 6043.

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§ 1.334-1 Basis of property received in liquidations.

(a) *In general.* Section 334 sets forth rules prescribing the basis of property received in a distribution in partial or complete liquidation of a corporation. The general rule of section 334 is set forth in section 334(a) to the effect that if property is received in a distribution in partial or complete liquidation and if gain or loss is recognized on the receipt of such property, then the basis of the property in the hands of the distributee shall be the fair market value of such property at the time of the distribution. Such general rule has no application to a liquidation to which section 332 or section 333 applies. See section 334 (b) and (c).

(b) *Transferor's basis.* Unless section 334(b)(2) and subsection (c) of this section apply, property received by a parent corporation in a complete liquidation to which section 332 is applicable shall, under section 334(b)(1), have the same basis in the hands of the parent as its adjusted basis in the hands of the subsidiary. The rule stated above is applicable even though the subsidiary was indebted to the parent on the date the plan of liquidation was adopted and part of such property was received in satisfaction of such indebtedness in a transfer to which section 332(c) is applicable.

(c) *Application of stock basis to property.* If section 334(b)(2) applies to a complete liquidation to which section 332 is applicable, then property received by a parent corporation in such complete liquidation shall have a basis determined by reference to the basis of the stock of the subsidiary corporation with respect to which it is received. In general, section 334(b)(2) will be applicable to a distribution in complete liquidation of a subsidiary corporation if the parent corporation purchased, within the meaning of section 334(b)(3) and during a period of not more than twelve months, 80 percent or more of the stock (other than nonvoting stock which is limited and preferred as to dividends) of the subsidiary corporation and then adopted a plan of liquidation (on or after June 22, 1954) not more than two years after the date on which the stock ownership requirement was met. The application of section 334(b)(2) is subject to the following rules:

(1) Property received with reference to stock owned immediately before the liquidation by the parent corporation is the only property to which section 334(b)(2) is applicable. The section is not applicable to property received with respect to debt or other claims. The basis of the stock used in determining the basis of the assets is the total basis of all stock held by the parent corporation whether or not such stock was acquired by purchase and whether or not such stock is the stock acquired during the period to which reference is made in section 334(b)(2)(A).

(2) The date of adoption of a plan of liquidation is determined under section 332(b)(2).

(3) (i) Except as provided in subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph, in the case of a series of purchases of stock, the two-year period specified in section 334(b)(2)(A) shall begin on the day following the earliest date which is the end of a period of twelve months or less within which the amount of stock required by section 334(b)(2)(B) was acquired. For example, assume that 20 percent of the stock of corporation A is purchased on each of the following dates: April 1, 1956, June 30, 1956, September 30, 1956, December 31, 1956, and June 1, 1957. The two-year period shall begin on January 1, 1957. However, if the first purchase of 20 percent of the stock occurs on November 1, 1955 (instead of April 1, 1956), then the two-year period shall begin on June 2, 1957.

(ii) If a plan of liquidation is adopted on or before December 24, 1958, subdivision (i) of this subparagraph shall not apply and the rule of subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph shall apply unless the parent corporation elects to have the rule of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph apply. Such election shall be made by the parent corporation either in a statement attached to its return (filed within the time prescribed for filing, including any extensions of time) for the taxable year within which such plan is adopted, or in a statement filed on or before September 22, 1958, with the district director with whom such corporation's return for such taxable year was filed. The election, once made, shall be irrevocable.

(iii) The rule referred to in subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph is as follows:

(*a*) In the case of a series of purchases of stock, the two-year period specified in section 334(b)(2)(A) shall begin on the day following the date of the last such purchase if the amount of stock specified in section 334(b)(2)(B) is purchased during the preceding twelve months.

(*b*) Application of the rule prescribed in (*a*) of this subdivision may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. Twenty percent of the stock of corporation A is purchased on each of the following dates: April 1, 1954, June 30, 1954, September 30, 1954, December 31, 1954, and April 1, 1955. Although 80 percent of the stock of corporation A had been purchased as of December 31, 1954, the date of the last transaction of the series of transactions described in section 334(b)(2)(B) is April 1, 1955, and therefore the two-year period shall begin on April 2, 1955.

(4) For the purpose of section 334(b)(2) only, the following adjustments shall be made to the adjusted basis of the subsidiary's stock in the hands of the parent:

(i) Such adjusted basis shall be reduced by the amount of all distributions received by the parent from the subsidiary during the period beginning on the day on which the stock used in determining the applicability of section 334(b)(2) was purchased (or if such stock was purchased on more than one day, on the day of the earliest purchase of the stock so used) and ending when the plan of liquidation is adopted.

(ii) In order to apply the rule of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph the amount of a distribution in kind shall be whichever of the following is the greater:

(*a*) The amount described in section 301(b)(1)(B)(ii) (regardless of the amount of the distribution under section 301(b)), or

(*b*) The portion of the adjusted basis of the stock allocable to the property so distributed.

(iii) The reduction provided in subdivision (i) of this subparagraph shall be made whether or not such distributions were taxable to the parent as ordinary dividends.

(iv) The reduction provided in subdivision (i) of this subparagraph shall not be made—

(*a*) To the extent that a reduction in the adjusted basis of the stock is required by section 301(c)(2); or

(*b*) To the extent that such distributions of the subsidiary are out of earnings and profits of the period beginning on the date of purchase and ending upon the date of the last distribution in liquidation.

(v) The adjusted basis of the subsidiary's stock held by the parent with respect to which the distributions in liquidation are made (reduced as in subdivision (i) of this subparagraph)—

(*a*) Shall be increased—

(*1*) By the amount of any unsecured liabilities assumed by the parent, and

(*2*) By the portion of the subsidiary's earnings and profits (less the amount of any distributions therefrom) of the period beginning on the date of purchase and ending upon the date of the last distribution in liquidation attributable to the stock of the subsidiary held by the parent.

(*b*) Shall be decreased:

(*1*) By the amount of any cash and its equivalent received, and

(*2*) By the portion of the subsidiary's deficit in earnings and profits of the period beginning on the date of purchase and ending upon the date of the last distribution in liquidation attributable to the stock of the subsidiary held by the parent.

(vi) For the purpose of subdivision (v) (*a*)(*2*) and (*b*)(*2*) of this subparagraph:

(*a*) With respect to property held on the date of purchase and property held on the date additional stock, if any, is acquired any gain or loss from sales or exchanges of such property (whether tangible or intangible) and any other items determined by reference to basis of such property shall be computed by substituting for such basis a new basis determined by reference to the part of the adjusted basis of the stock allocable to such property,

(*b*) The part of the adjusted basis of stock allocable to such property for the purpose of (*a*) of this subdivision shall be the basis of the stock held on the date of purchase or on the date of a later acquisition of stock allocated among the assets held on such date on the basis of their net fair market values on such date,

(*c*) In order to prevent distortion in the adjusted basis of the stock:

(*1*) Transactions (including distributions, liquidations, and reorganizations) involving a corporation the affairs of which the subsidiary controls at any time after the date of purchase through ownership of stock (whether or not the subsidiary owns a majority of the stock of such corporation) may be disregarded in whole or in part, and

(*2*) Tax-free reorganizations involving the subsidiary may be disregarded in whole or in part, and

(*d*) In the case of a subsidiary using the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting, the earnings and profits of such subsidiary shall be computed for the period specified in subdivision (v) (*a*)(*2*) and (*b*)(*2*) of this subparagraph as if such subsidiary had used an accrual method of accounting prior to such period.

(vii) For the purposes of subdivisions (iv), (v), and (vi) of this subparagraph the expression "the date of purchase" means the date of the transaction described in section 334(b)(2)(B) (or, in the case of a series of transactions, the date of the last such transaction), determined without regard to subparagraph (6) (iii) of this paragraph.

(viii) In the case of a distribution by the subsidiary of property directly or indirectly acquired by the subsidiary through a direct or indirect contribution to capital by the parent, the basis of such property to the parent shall be the same as if such contribution had not been made and the adjusted basis of the stock shall not be increased or decreased because of such contribution and distribution. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, the amount of the adjusted basis of the stock adjusted as provided in this paragraph shall be allocated as basis among the various assets received (except cash and its equivalent) both tangible and intangible (whether or not depreciable or amortizable). Ordinarily, such allocation shall be made in proportion to the net fair market values of such assets on the date received (the net fair market value of an asset being its fair market value less any specific mortgage or pledge to which it is subject). To that portion of the basis thus determined, for each property against which there is a lien, should be added the amount of such lien. Where more than one property is covered by the same lien, the amount of the lien should be divided among the properties, allocating to each that portion of the lien which the fair market value of such property bears to the total fair market value of the properties covered by the same lien. Whether the mortgage indebtedness is assumed by the parent or the property is taken subject to the mortgage is immaterial. The basis of the property received shall be zero if the cash and its equivalent received is equal to or in excess of the adjusted basis of the stock.

(5) The application of the rules prescribed in subparagraph (4) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (*1*). Corporation A bought all of the stock of Corporation B for $1,000 on January 1, 1955. The only asset of Corporation B was a building having a basis of $100. On July 1, 1955, such building was sold for $1,050. The amount received was invested in another building immediately thereafter. On December 30, 1955, Corporation B was liquidated under section 332 in a transaction in which the basis of the assets in the hands of the recipient corporation was determined under section 334(b)(2). The basis of the stock of Corporation B in the hands of Corporation A is increased by $50 pursuant to paragraph (c)(4) (v) and (vi) of § 1.334-1. The basis of the building received by Corporation A upon the liquidation of Corporation B is $1,050.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1) except that the sale price of the building sold was $750. The basis of the building in the hands of Corporation A upon liquidation is $750.

(6) Except as provided in subparagraph (7) of this paragraph, for purposes of section 334(b)(2) the term "purchase" means any acquisition of stock, but only if—

(i) The basis of stock in the hands of the distributee is not determined either in whole or in part by reference to the adjusted basis of stock in the hands of the person from whom acquired, or under section 1014(a) (relating to property acquired from the decedent);

(ii) The stock is not acquired in an exchange to which section 351 applies; and

(iii) The stock is not acquired from a person the ownership of whose stock would, under section 318(a), be attributed to the person acquiring such stock. However, if a corporation acquires stock pursuant to an option to buy such stock from a person who, without regard to such option, is not a person the ownership of whose stock would, under section 818(a), be attributed to such corporation, such stock shall be considered to have been purchased on the date of the acquisition of such option, if such option is exercised on or before the last day of a period of 12 months beginning on the day of the earliest purchase of stock (including the stock subject to such option) used in determining the applicability of section 334(b)(2) and for this purpose the stock with respect to which the option was exercised shall be deemed to have been purchased on the date such option was acquired.

(7) (i) Notwithstanding subdivision (iii) of subparagraph (6) of this paragraph, the term "purchase" includes an acquisition of stock after December 31, 1965, from a related corporation if at least 50 percent in value of the stock of such related corporation was acquired after December 31, 1965, by purchase (within the meaning of subparagraph (6) of this paragraph without regard to this subparagraph). For purposes of this subparagraph, a corporation is a related corporation if stock owned by the corporation would be considered as owned by the distributee under section 318(a).

(ii) If subdivision (i) of this subparagraph applies and if all distributions by the distributing corporation under section 332 are made after November 13, 1966, then the amount of stock required by section 334(b)(2)(B) must be acquired during a 12-month period beginning with the earlier of—

(*a*) The date of the first acquisition by purchase (within the meaning of subparagraph (6) of this paragraph without regard to this subparagraph) of any of such stock, or

(*b*) The date on which the distributee first would be considered under section 318(a) as owning any of such stock owned by the related corporation, taking into account in applying section 318(a) only stock of the related corporation purchased after December 31, 1965 (within the meaning of subparagraph (6) of this paragraph without regard to this subparagraph).

(iii) Since a purchase of stock within the meaning of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph necessarily involves a transaction between two related corporations, the purchase price will be subjected to close scrutiny to ascertain whether the price reflects the fair market value of the stock. If it is determined that the price paid exceeds the fair market value of the stock purchased, then for purposes of section 334(b)(2) the cost of such stock for purposes of computing its adjusted basis shall be its fair market value.

(iv) The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). (*a*) On January 1, 1967, in an exchange to which section 351 applies, corporation R acquires 40 percent of the stock of corporation S, which owns 100 percent of the stock of corporation T. On July 1, 1967, R acquires 10 percent of the stock of S for cash. On December 31, 1967, R causes S to sell to it the 100 percent of T stock which S owns.

(*b*) Since R owns at least 50 percent of the stock of S at the time it acquires the T stock from S, the acquisition will qualify as a purchase only if the requirements of this subparagraph are met. The acquisition of the T stock does not qualify under this subparagraph as a purchase because R has acquired only 10 percent of the stock of S by purchase (within the meaning of subparagraph (6) without regard to this subparagraph).

Example (2). (*a*) Assume the same facts as in example (1), plus the further fact that on November 1, 1967, R acquires an additional 45 percent of the stock of S for cash.

(*b*) The acquisition by R of the 100 percent of T stock does qualify as a purchase under this subparagraph because R has acquired 55 percent (at least 50 percent) of the stock of S by purchase (within the meaning of subparagraph (6) without regard to this subparagraph).

(*c*) During a 12-month period beginning on November 1, 1967 (the date on which R first would be considered under section 318(a) as owning any stock owned by S, taking into account only stock of S that R has purchased within the meaning of subparagraph (6) without regard to this subparagraph), R has acquired by purchase the amount of stock required by section 334(b)(2)(B).

Example (3). (*a*) On January 1, 1968, corporation X acquires for cash 10 percent of the stock of corporation Z. On February 1, 1968, X acquires for cash at least 50 percent of the stock of corporation Y, which owns 45 percent of the stock of Z. On March 1, 1968, X causes corporation Y to sell to it the 45 percent of Z stock which Y owns. On April 1, 1968, corporation X acquires for cash 25 percent of the stock of Z.

(*b*) Since X owns at least 50 percent of the stock of Y at the time of its acquisition of the 45 percent of Z stock from Y, the acquisition will qualify as a purchase only if the requirements of this subparagraph are met. The acquisition of the Z stock does qualify as a purchase under this subparagraph because X acquired at least 50 percent of the stock of Y by purchase (within the meaning of subparagraph (6) without regard to this subparagraph). Therefore, X has acquired by purchase the amount of stock required by section 334(b)(2)(B) during a 12-month period beginning on January 1, 1968, the date of the first acquisition by purchase (within the meaning of subparagraph (6) without regard to this subparagraph) of any of such stock.

(*c*) The result would be the same if X purchased 100 percent of the Y stock on February 1, 1968, and caused Y to be completely liquidated on March 1, 1968, receiving the 45 percent interest in Z in the liquidation.

(8) Section 334(b) does not apply to minority shareholders. The basis of property, other than cash, received by such shareholders shall be determined under section 334(a), section 334(c), or section 358.

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§ 1.334-2 Property received in liquidation under section 333.

The basis of assets (other than money) acquired by stockholders in a liquidation upon which the amount of gain recognized was limited under section 333 shall be the same as the basis of the shares of stock redeemed or cancelled, decreased in the amount of any money received and increased in the amount of gain recognized and the amount of the unsecured liabilities assumed by the stockholders. The amount thus arrived at should be allocated to the various assets received on the basis of their net fair market values (the net fair market value of an asset is its fair market value less any specific mortgage or pledge to which it is subject). To that portion of the basis thus determined, for each property against which there is a lien, should be added the amount of such lien. Where more than one property is covered by the same lien, the amount of the lien should be divided among the properties, allocating to each that portion of the lien that the fair market value of such property bears to the total market value of the properties covered by the same lien. Whether the mortgage indebtedness is assumed by the shareholders or the property is taken subject to the mortgage is immaterial. The application of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. The X corporation distributed all its property in complete liquidation during the month of October 1954 pursuant to the provisions of section 333. A, an individual, and a qualifying electing shareholder, received, in cancellation or redemption of 100 shares of stock owned by him at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation, $1,000 in cash, property (other than stock or securities acquired by the corporation after December 31, 1953) with a fair market value of $22,000 subject to a lien of $1,000, and stock acquired by the liquidating corporation after December 31, 1953 with a fair market value of $4,000. A, also assumed a $2,000 liability of the liquidating corporation. The basis of the shares owned by A was $120 per share or $12,000. A's ratable share of the earnings and profits of the X corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913 (computed as provided in section 333) was $2,500. His gain is $12,000, but under section 333 only $5,000 of this gain is recognized, $2,500 thereof being taxed as a dividend. The basis of all the property other than money received by A is $19,000, computed as follows:

Adjusted basis of stock cancelled or redeemed	$12,000
Less: money received	1,000
Remainder	11,000
Liability assumed	2,000
Specific lien against property (other than stock)	1,000
Gain recognized	5,000
Basis of property acquired	19,000

The basis, excluding the specific lien attached to the property, ($19,000 less $1,000, $18,000) will be apportioned among the classes of property other than money received as follows: $21,000/$25,000 of $18,000 or $15,120 to the property other than stock; $4,000/$25,000 of $18,000 or $2,880 to the stock. The basis of the property other than stock, $15,120, must be increased by the amount of the specific lien attached thereto, $1,000, making a total basis for such property of $16,120.

EFFECTS ON CORPORATION

§ 1.336-1 General rule on liquidation of corporation.

Except as provided in section 453(d), no gain or loss is recognized to a corporation on the distribution by it of property in kind in partial or complete liquidation (regardless of the fact that such property may have appreciated or depreciated in value since its acquisition by the corporation). However, gain or loss is recognized to a corporation on all sales by it, whether directly or indirectly (as through trustees or a receiver), except as provided in section 337 (relating to sales or exchanges in connection with certain liquidations). See sections 61, 6036, 6155(a), 6161(c), 6503(b), 6601, 6871, 6872, and 6873.

§ 1.337-1 General.

Except as provided in section 337(c) and 392(b), if a corporation distributes all of its assets in complete liquidation within 12 months after the adoption of a plan of liquidation, which plan must be adopted on or after June 22, 1954, no gain or loss shall be recognized from the sale of property (as defined in section 337(b)) during such 12-month period. For this purpose such sales may be made before the adoption of the plan of liquidation if made on the same day such plan is adopted. All assets (less assets retained to meet claims), both tangible and intangible, must be distributed within the 12-month period. Any assets retained after the expiration of the 12-month period for the payment of claims (including unascertained or contingent liabilities or expenses) must be specifically set apart for that purpose and must be reasonable in amount in relation to the items involved. The 12-month period shall begin on the date of adoption of the plan determined as provided in paragraph (b) of § 1.337-2 and no extension of such period can be granted. See section 453(d)(4)(B) relative to nonrecognition of gain on the distribution of certain installment obligations. Except to the extent provided in section 341(e)(4), sales or exchanges made by a collapsible corporation (as defined in section 341(b)) are excluded from the operation of section 337 by section 337(c). Accordingly, except as provided in section 341(e)(4), section 337 does not apply to any sale or exchange of property whenever the distribution of such property in partial or complete liquidation to the shareholders in lieu of such sale or exchange would have resulted in the taxation of the gain from such distribution in the manner provided in section 341(a) as to any shareholder or would have resulted in the taxation of the gain in such manner, but for the application of section 341(d). Likewise, section 337 does not apply to sales or exchanges made by a corporation if such corporation is liquidated in a transaction to which section 333 is applicable, or in a transaction to which section 332 applies (except to the extent provided in section 337(c)(2)(B)). Section 392(b) provides special rules with respect to the recognition of gain or loss upon certain sales made by a liquidating corporation during 1954 and 1955.

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§ 1.337-2 Sales or exchanges within the scope of section 337.

(a) Provided the other conditions of section 337 are met, sales or exchanges which occur on or after the date on which the plan of complete liquidation is adopted and within the 12-month period thereafter are subject to the provisions of such section. The date on which a sale occurs depends primarily upon the intent of the parties to be gathered from the terms of the contract and the surrounding circumstances. In ascertaining whether a sale or exchange occurs on or after the date on which the plan of complete liquidation is adopted, the fact that negotiations for sale may have been commenced, either by the corporation or its shareholders, or both shall be disregarded. Moreover, an executory contract to sell is to be distinguished from a contract of sale. Ordinarily, a sale has not occurred when a contract to sell has been entered into but title and possession of the property have not been transferred and the obligation of the seller to sell or the buyer to buy is conditional.

(b) Ordinarily the date of the adoption of a plan of complete liquidation by a corporation is the date of adoption by the shareholders of the resolution authorizing the distribution of all the assets of the corporation (other than those retained to meet claims) in redemption of all of its stock. Where the corporation sells substantially all of its property of the type defined in section 337(b) prior to the date of adoption by the shareholders of such resolution, then the date of the adoption of the plan of complete liquidation by such corporation is the date of the adoption by the shareholders of such resolution and gain or loss will be recognized with respect to such sales. Where no substantial part of the property of the type defined in section 337(b) has been sold by the corporation prior to the date of adoption by the shareholders of such resolution, the date of the adoption of the plan of complete liquidation by such corporation is the date of adoption by the shareholders of such resolution and no gain or loss will be recognized on sales of such property on or after such date, if all the corporate assets (other than those retained to meet claims) are distributed in liquidation to the shareholders within 12 months after the date of the adoption of such resolution. In all other cases the date of the adoption of the plan of liquidation shall be determined from all the facts and circumstances. Section 337 shall not apply in any case in which all of the corporate assets (other than those retained to meet claims) are not distributed to the shareholders within 12 months after the date of the adoption of a resolution by the shareholders authorizing the distribution of all the corporate assets in redemption of all the corporate stock. A corporation will be considered to have distributed all of its property other than assets retained to meet claims even though it has retained an amount of cash equal to its known liabilities and liquidating expenses plus an amount of cash set aside under arrangements for the payment after the close of the 12-month period of unascertained or contingent liabilities and contingent expenses. Such arrangements for payment must be made in good faith, the amount set aside must be reasonable, and no amount may be set aside to meet claims of shareholders with respect to their stock. If it is established to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that there are shareholders who cannot be located, a distribution in liquidation includes a transfer to a State official, trustee, or other person authorized by law to receive distributions for the benefit of such shareholders. For the purposes of this paragraph "property of the type defined in section 337(b)" means property upon the sale of which section 337(a) may provide for the nonrecognition of gain or loss upon sale or exchange during a 12-month period, including property described in subparagraph (A) of section 337(b)(1) if sold or exchanged at any time under the conditions set forth in section 337(b)(2) and including installment obligations acquired in respect of such sale or exchange.

§ 1.337-3 Property defined.

(a) Except as provided in section 337(b)(2) and this section, the term "property" as used in section 337(a) and § 1.337-1 does not include, (1) stock in trade of the corporation, or other property of a kind which would properly be included in the inventory of the corporation if on hand at the close of the taxable year and property held by the corporation primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of its trade or business (hereinafter for purposes of section 337 referred to as "inventory"), (2) installment obligations acquired at any time from the sale or exchange of inventory, or (3) installment obligations acquired from the sale or exchange of property (other than inventory) prior to the adoption of the plan of liquidation. With the exceptions listed in this paragraph, the term "property" includes all assets owned by a corporation.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, if substantially all of the inventory is sold or exchanged to one person in one transaction, then for the purpose of section 337(a) the term "property" shall include:

(1) The inventory so sold or exchanged, and

(2) Installment obligations acquired in such sale or exchange.

For this purpose, the term "substantially all" means substantially all of the inventory at the time of the sale and includes inventory subject to liabilities, specific or otherwise. Section 337(b)(2) shall be inapplicable if the inventory so sold is replaced by like inventory, or by a new kind of inventory.

(c) The term "property" in the case of a corporation which is engaged in two or more distinct businesses shall include the inventory of any one of such trades or businesses if substantially all of the inventory attributable to such trade or business is sold or exchanged to one person in one transaction. If installment obligations are received upon such a sale, such obligations are also included within the meaning of the term "property".

(d) This section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation A operates a grocery store at one location and a hardware store at another. Neither store handles items similar to those handled by the other. Both stores are served by a common warehouse. Pursuant to a plan of liquidation adopted by the corporation, the grocery store and all of its inventory, including that part of its inventory held in the warehouse, are sold to one person in one transaction. Thereafter, and within 12 months after the adoption of the plan of liquidation, all of the assets of the corporation are distributed to the shareholders. No gain or loss will be recognized upon the sale of all of the assets attributable to the grocery business, including the inventory items.

Example (2). Corporation B operates two department stores, one in the downtown business district and the other in a suburban shopping center. Both handle the same items and are served by a common warehouse which contains an amount of inventory items equal to the total of that in both stores. The part of the inventory in the warehouse which is attributable to each store cannot be clearly determined. Pursuant to a plan of liquidation adopted by the corporation, the assets of the suburban store, including the inventory held in such store, but not including any portion of the inventory held in the warehouse, are sold to one person in one transaction. Thereafter, and within 12 months after the adoption of the plan of liquidation, all of the assets of the corporation are distributed to the shareholders. No gain or loss will be recognized with respect to the sale of the property other than the inventory, but gain or loss will be recognized upon the sale of the inventory.

Example (3). The facts are the same as in example (2) except that the part of the inventory in the warehouse which is attributable to the suburban store can be clearly determined and both the inventory held in the store and that part of the inventory in the warehouse attributable to such store are sold. No gain or loss will be recognized upon the sale of the inventory.

§ 1.337-4 Limitation of gain.

(a) Section 337(c)(2)(B) provides a limitation upon the amount of gain not recognized where a corporation sells or exchanges property pursuant to a plan of complete liquidation (and such property, if distributed, would take the basis of the stock held by the distributee pursuant to the provisions of section 334(b)(2) (relating to plans of liquidation adopted within 2 years after purchase of the stock)). The amount of gain not recognized shall not be greater than the excess of (1) that portion of the adjusted basis (further adjusted as provided in the second sentence of section 334(b)(2) and in paragraph (c) of § 1.334-1) of the stock of the liquidating corporation in the hands of its parent corporation allocable to the property sold or exchanged over (2) the adjusted basis of such property in the hands of the liquidating corporation.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. Corporation A owns more than 80 percent of the stock of Corporation B, which it purchased for $10,000. All of the assets of Corporation B, having a total basis of $4,000 are sold for $12,000. The portion of the realized gain of $8,000 which is not recognized is $6,000, computed as follows:

Basis of stock allocable to property sold	$10,000
Basis of property sold	4,000
Excess (not recognized)	6,000

In general, where section 337(c)(2)(B) is applicable and where the gain realized from the sale of property is greater than the excess of the selling price of the property over the basis of the stock allocable to the property sold, the amount of gain to be recognized from such sale is equal to such excess. In the above example, the $2,000 gain representing the excess of the selling price of $12,000 over the basis of the stock allocable to the property sold ($10,000) would be recognized to the liquidating corporation.

(c) For the purpose of this section only, the basis (adjusted as described in paragraph (a) of this section) of the liquidating corporation's stock in the hands of its parent corporation on the date of the first sale of property, shall be allocated to the assets of the liquidating corporation (unreduced by any amount applicable to minority interests) on the basis of the fair market value of such assets (see paragraph (c) of § 1.334-1), both tangible and intangible, on the date the first property is sold by the liquidating corporation. The allocation then made shall remain unchanged for the purpose of determining recognized gain upon subsequent sales of property by the liquidating corporation unless the stock ownership of the parent corporation changes. In the event of such a change, a new allocation shall be made at the time of the next sale of property thereafter. The new allocation shall be made on the basis of the fair market value of the liquidating corporation's assets on the date of such sale.

§ 1.337-5 Special rule for certain minority shareholders.

(a) *General.* If, with respect to a plan of complete liquidation adopted on or after January 1, 1958, the liquidating corporation fails to qualify for the treatment prescribed by section 337(a) solely by reason of the application of section 337(c)(2)(A), then, for the first taxable year of any shareholder (other than a corporation which meets the 80-percent stock ownership requirement specified in section 332(b)(1)) in which he receives a distribution in complete liquidation, the treatment prescribed by section 337(d) and this section shall be applicable to such shareholder. Since section 337(d) applies only with respect to distributions in complete liquidation under section 331, it does not apply with respect to a distribution which is treated as part of an exchange to which section 354 or 356 applies.

(b) *Treatment of minority shareholders.* (1) In cases to which section 337(d) and paragraph (a) of this section apply—

(i) The amount realized by the shareholder on the distribution shall be increased by his proportionate share of the amount by which the tax imposed by subtitle A of the Code (income taxes) on the liquidating corporation would have been reduced if section 337(c)(2)(A) had not been applicable (see paragraph (c) of this section for determination of the proportionate share of each shareholder), and

(ii) For purposes of the Code, the shareholder shall be deemed to have paid on the last day prescribed by section 6151 for the payment of the tax (the last day prescribed by section 6072 for the filing of his income tax return) for the taxable year in which he receives the first distribution in complete liquidation (whether the return is filed before, on, or after such last day), an amount of income tax equal to the amount of the increase described in subdivision (i) of this subparagraph.

(2) If a minority shareholder who receives a distribution to which section 337(d) and paragraph (a) of this section apply is a partnership, the

amount realized by the partnership for the first taxable year in which it receives a distribution in liquidation shall be increased by the amount determined under paragraph (c) of this section, and the amount of tax referred to in subparagraph (1)(ii) of this paragraph shall be deemed paid by the partnership. Credit or refund of the tax deemed paid by the partnership shall be taken into account by the partners in accordance with section 702(a)(8), and the share taken into account by each partner shall be deemed paid by him on the last day prescribed by section 6151 for the payment of the tax for his taxable year in which or with which the partnership taxable year ends. Finally, the partners shall make such adjustments to the bases of their partnership interests as are required by section 705(a) and, for purposes of that section, the amount of tax deemed paid by the partnership shall be treated as a nondeductible partnership expenditure.

(3) If a minority shareholder who receives a distribution to which section 337(d) and paragraph (a) of this section apply is an electing small business corporation (within the meaning of section 1371(b)), then—

(i) The increase in the amount realized on such distribution, as determined under paragraph (c) of this section, shall be deemed received by such corporation on the last day of its taxable year during which such distribution is received;

(ii) On such last day the amount of tax referred to in subparagraph (1)(ii) of this paragraph shall be deemed distributed to those persons who are shareholders of such corporation on such last day, in the same proportion as the undistributed taxable income of such corporation would be included (under section 1373(b)) in the gross income of such persons, and, for purposes of section 301(c) (2) and (3), the distribution shall be considered a distribution which is not a dividend; and

(iii) The amount of tax deemed distributed to each shareholder under subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph shall be deemed paid by each such shareholder on the last day prescribed by section 6151 for the payment of the tax for his taxable year in which or with which the taxable year of such corporation ends.

(c) *Determination of each minority shareholder's increase in amount realized.* (1) Under section 337(d) and paragraph (b) of this section, the amount realized by each minority shareholder of the liquidating corporation shall be increased by his proportionate share of the amount by which the tax imposed by subtitle A of the Code on the liquidating corporation would have been reduced if section 337(c)(2)(A) had not been applicable. Where the corporation has only the one class of stock outstanding, the increase in the amount realized by each minority shareholder shall be determined by multiplying the reduction in the corporation's tax that would be applicable if section 337(c)(2)(A) did not apply by a fraction, the numerator of which is equal to the sum of all liquidating distributions received by such shareholder and the denominator of which is equal to the sum of all liquidating distributions received by all shareholders. Where the corporation has outstanding preferred stock which is limited to a specified amount on liquidation, as well as common stock, if the holders of the preferred stock receive the entire amount to which they are entitled, the fraction described in the preceding sentence shall be applied to determine the increase in the amount realized by the holders of common stock on the liquidation without taking the preferred stock into account. In all other cases, in determining the increase in the amount realized by each minority shareholder, consideration must be given to the extent to which different classes of stock are entitled to participate in the assets of the corporation on liquidation.

(2) If two or more minority shareholders receive distributions in liquidation with respect to the same stock (e.g., if a minority shareholder sells his stock after receiving one of a series of distributions in complete liquidation), the increase in the amount realized by the minority shareholder who surrenders the stock in liquidation shall be determined as though he received all the distributions in liquidation with respect to such stock and

shall then be divided between himself and the shareholder who has already received distributions in liquidation with respect to the same stock. This division must be in proportion to the amount each minority shareholder received in liquidation with respect to such stock.

(d) *Claim for credit or refund.* Claim for credit or refund of the tax deemed to have been paid by a shareholder pursuant to section 337(d) and paragraph (b) of this section shall be made in accordance with § 301.6402-3 for the taxable year in which he receives the first distribution in complete liquidation. In the case of a shareholder which is a partnership, claim shall be made by the partners for credit or refund of their distributive shares of the tax deemed to have been paid by the partnership. In the case of a shareholder which is an electing small business corporation (within the meaning of section 1371(b)), claim shall be made by those persons who are shareholders of such corporation on the last day of the corporation's taxable year in which it received the first distribution in complete liquidation. In the case of a shareholder which is exempt from tax under section 501(a) and to which section 511 does not apply for the taxable year, claim for refund of the tax deemed to have been paid by such shareholder shall be made on Form 843. For other rules applicable to the filing of claims for credit or refund of an overpayment of tax, see section 6402 and the regulations thereunder. For the limitations applicable to the credit or refund of an overpayment of tax, see section 6511 and the regulations thereunder.

(e) *Illustrations.* The application of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). (i) Assume that corporation S, having only common stock outstanding, is owned 90 percent by corporation P (which has owned the S stock for 3 years) and 10 percent by individual A (a calendar year taxpayer), and that the sole assets of corporation S are two buildings, each having a fair market value of $100,000 and a basis to the corporation of $50,000. Assume further that A's basis for his stock is $10,000. On August 1, 1958, corporation S adopts a plan of complete liquidation. On September 1, 1958, corporation S sells building No. 1 for $100,000 and, during October 1958, the corporation makes a pro rata distribution of building No. 2 and the proceeds of the sale of building No. 1 (less $12,500 retained to pay the tax on such sale at the rate of 25 percent).

(ii) Under section 337(d) and this section, the amount realized by A on the distribution is increased by $1,250, A's proportionate share (10 percent) of the amount by which the tax imposed on corporation S upon such sale would have been reduced ($12,500) if section 337(a) had been applicable. Thus, the tax imposed on A with respect to the complete liquidation is computed as follows: The amount realized by A is $18,750 ($10,000 for A's one-tenth interest in building No. 2, plus $8,750 representing A's proportionate share of the $100,000 received by corporation S on the sale of building No. 1 less the tax imposed on corporation S upon such sale) plus $1,250 (the increase in the amount realized), or $20,000. Since A's basis for his stock is $10,000, the tax imposed on A with respect to the complete liquidation (assuming A's gain is taxed at a rate of 25 percent) is $2,500. Under section 337(d) and this section, A shall be deemed to have paid $1,250 in tax. Accordingly, A will be left with $17,500 in property and money ($18,750 minus $1,250).

Example (2). (i) Assume all the facts set forth in example (1) and the following additional facts: Corporation S has outstanding 1,000 shares of $100 par value preferred stock, the holders of which are entitled to receive full par value on liquidation, after which the common shareholders receive the balance of the assets. Individual A owns 10 percent of the preferred stock, with a basis to him of $10,000, as well as 10 percent of the common stock. Corporation S has, in addition to its two buildings, $100,000 in cash which it distributes in full payment in exchange for the outstanding preferred stock.

(ii) Individual A receives $10,000 in exchange for his preferred stock and recognizes no gain or loss on this portion of the liquidation. Under section 337(d) and this section, A is accorded the same treatment described in example (1) with respect to his common stock as though it were the only stock outstanding. Thus, with respect to his common stock the amount realized by A on the distribution is increased by $1,250, and the tax deemed paid by him is $1,250. Accordingly, after credit, A will be left with $27,500 in property and money ($10,000 on his preferred stock and $17,500 on his common stock).

Example (3). (i) Assume the same facts as in example (1) except that on August 2, 1958, corporation S makes a pro rata distribution of building No. 2 as a first distribution in complete liquidation. Assume further that on August 15, 1958, individual A sells his stock to B, and that on October 1, 1958, building No. 1 is sold and final distribution in liquidation is made of $87,500 ($100,000 sales proceeds less $12,500 retained to pay tax, assuming a 25-percent rate).

(ii) Under section 337(d) and this section, the increase in the amount realized by B shall first be determined as though he had received all the distributions in liquidation with respect to such stock. Then the increase in the amount realized ($1,250) is divided between A and B in proportion to the amount each shareholder received in liquidation with respect to such stock. Thus, A's share of the increase in the amount realized is $666.67 ($1,250×10,000/18,750) and B's share is $583.33 ($1,250×8,750/18,750). A is deemed to have paid tax in the amount of $666.67 and B is deemed to have paid tax in the amount of $583.33.

Example (4). (i) Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that A files his return for 1958 on April 15, 1959, and that corporation S sells building No. 1, and distributes the proceeds of such sale (less tax thereon), in May 1959.

(ii) Since building No. 1 is not sold until after A files his return for 1958, A's 1958 return will report no gain on the liquidation (A's pro rata share of building No. 2 being equal to the basis of his stock). However, under section 337(d) and this section, the amount realized by A on the liquidating distribution received by him in 1958 (the first taxable year in which he received a liquidating distribution) is increased by his entire proportionate share ($1,250) of the amount by which the tax imposed on corporation S upon the sale of building No. 1 would have been reduced if section 337(a) had been applicable. Moreover, A is deemed to have paid, on the last day prescribed by law for the payment of his tax for 1958 (April 15, 1959), an amount of tax equal to such increase. Thus, A will be obliged to file an amended return (or claim for refund) for 1958 to reflect the adjustments required by section 337(d) and this section. The amended return (or claim for refund) will show that in 1958 A realized gain on the liquidation in the amount of $1,250, the excess of the amount realized by A ($10,000 plus $1,250 or $11,250) over his basis ($10,000), and that A incurred a tax of $312.50 on such gain (assuming the gain is taxed at a rate of 25 percent). Moreover, the amended return (or claim) will show that A is deemed to have paid $1,250 in additional tax for 1958. Accordingly, if the excess of the tax deemed paid over the tax incurred, or $937.50, constitutes an overpayment of tax for 1958, such excess will be credited or refunded to A.

(iii) When A receives a further liquidating distribution of $8,750 in 1959 (i.e., his proportionate share of the proceeds of the sale of building No. 1, less tax thereon) he realizes a further gain of $8,750 (since he fully recovered the basis of his stock in 1958) on which, assuming the gain is taxed at a rate of 25 percent, he will incur a tax of $2,187.50. Thus, with respect to the liquidation of corporation S, A will in effect be left with $17,500 in property and money, determined as follows:

Amount actually realized in 1958		$10,000.00
Amount deemed paid as tax for 1958 and recoverable by credit or refund to extent it exceeds A's tax liability for 1958	$1,250.00	
Less: Tax on gain in 1958	312.50	
		937.50
Amount actually realized in 1959	8,750.00	
Less: Tax on gain in 1959	2,187.50	
		6,562.50
Total money and property received or credited		17,500.00

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§ 1.337-6 Information to be filed.

(a) *Cases to which section 337(a) applies.* In cases to which section 337(a) applies, there must be attached to the return of the liquidating corporation the following information:

(1) A copy of the minutes of the stockholders' meeting at which the plan of liquidation was formally adopted, including a copy of the plan of liquidation.

(2) A statement of the assets sold after the adoption of the plan of liquidation, including the dates of such sales. If section 337(c)(2)(B), relating to limited nonrecognition of gain on sales by subsidiaries, is applicable, this statement must include a computation of the total gain and of the gain not recognized under section 337.

(3) Information as to the date of the final liquidating distribution.

(4) A statement of the assets, if any, retained to pay liabilities and the nature of the liabilities.

(b) *Cases to which section 337(d) is applicable.* In cases to which section 337(d) applies, a minority shareholder who claims credit or refund of tax deemed to have been paid shall file with the return on which the claim is made (or Form 843 for claims filed before July 1, 1976) or a statement containing the name and address of the liquidating corporation and the district in which it files its return, together with all information necessary to support the validity of his claim and a detailed computation of the amount of his claim.

(c) *Election under section 337(e).* (1) Section 337(e) applies to a disposition of converted property (within the meaning of section 1033(a)(2)(E)(ii)) occurring after November 10, 1978, but only if a proper election is made.

(2) To make the election—

(i) A liquidating corporation must file a statement that it elects section 337(e) for all of its property involuntarily converted during the 60-day period described in section 337(e)(2).

(ii) The statement must be filed with its return or amended return for the earliest taxable year for which income (or loss) would otherwise be reportable for such conversions.

(iii) The statement must include the name of the liquidating corporation, its taxpayer identification number, a general description of the property, and the date or dates of the conversions. The general description of the property should be sufficient to apprise the Commissioner as to which business and which assets were involuntarily converted. The requirement that a general description of the property be provided is not intended to impose on the taxpayer the burden of listing each item of property destroyed. For example, assume a fire, which destroys a men's clothing store and all the contents therein, precipitates the adoption of a plan of liquidation. A satisfactory statement would set forth the date of the fire, the location of the store, and that furniture, fixtures, inventory, and records of a men's clothing store were destroyed.

(3) If, following the filing of an election under section 337(e), a liquidating corporation fails to satisfy the requirements for a complete liquidation under section 337(a), the corporation must file an amended return reporting any gain or loss that was not recognized by reason of its election under section 337(e).

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COLLAPSIBLE CORPORATIONS; FOREIGN PERSONAL HOLDING COMPANIES

§ 1.341-1 Collapsible corporations; in general.

Subject to the limitations contained in § 1.341-4 and the exceptions contained in § 1.341-6 and § 1.341-7(a), the entire gain from the actual sale or exchange of stock of a collapsible corporation, (b) amounts distributed in complete or partial liquidation of a collapsible corporation which are treated, under section 331, as payment in exchange for stock, and (c) a distribution made by a collapsible corporation which, under section 301(c)(3), is treated, to the extent it exceeds the basis of the stock, in the same manner as a gain from the sale or exchange of property, shall be considered as ordinary income.

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§ 1.341-2 Definitions.

(a) *Determination of collapsible corporation.* (1) A collapsible corporation is defined by section 341(b)(1) to be a corporation formed or availed of principally (i) for the manufacture, construction, or production of property, (ii) for the purchase of property which (in the hands of the corporation) is property described in section 341(b)(3), or (iii) for the holding of stock in a corporation so formed or availed of, with a view to (*a*) the sale or exchange of stock by its shareholders (whether in liquidation or otherwise), or a distribution to its shareholders, prior to the realization by the corporation manufacturing, constructing, producing, or purchasing the property of a substantial part of the taxable income to be derived from such property, and (*b*) the realization by such shareholders of gain attributable to such property. See § 1.341-5 for a description of the facts which will ordinarily be considered sufficient to establish whether or not a corporation is a collapsible corporation under the rules of this section. See paragraph (d) of § 1.341-5 for examples of the application of section 341.

(2) Under section 341(b)(1) the corporation must be formed or availed of with a view to the action therein described, that is, the sale or exchange of its stock by its shareholders, or a distribution to them prior to the realization by the corporation manufacturing, constructing, producing, or purchasing the property of a substantial part of the taxable income to be derived from such property, and the realization by the shareholders of gain attributable to such property. This requirement is satisfied in any case in which such action was contemplated by those persons in a position to determine the policies of the corporation, whether by reason of their owning a majority of the voting stock of the corporation or otherwise. The requirement is satisfied whether such action was contemplated, unconditionally, conditionally, or as a recognized possibility. If the corporation was so formed or availed of, it is immaterial that a particular shareholder was not a shareholder at the time of the manufacture, construction, production, or purchase of the property, or if a shareholder at such time, did not share in such view. Any gain of such a shareholder on his stock in the corporation shall be treated in the same manner as gain of a shareholder who did share in such view. The existence of a bona fide business reason for doing business in the corporate form does not, by itself, negate the fact that the corporation may also have been formed or availed of with a view to the action described in section 341(b).

(3) A corporation is formed or availed of with a view to the action described in section 341(b) if the requisite view existed at any time during the manufacture, production, construction, or purchase referred to in that section. Thus, if the sale, exchange, or distribution is attributable solely to circumstances which arose after the manufacture, construction, production, or purchase (other than circumstances which reasonably could be anticipated at the time of such manufacture, construction, production, or purchase), the corporation shall, in the absence of compelling facts to the contrary, be considered not to have been so formed or availed of. However, if the sale, exchange or distribution is attributable to circumstances present at the time of the manufacture, construction, production, or purchase, the corporation shall, in the absence of compelling facts to the contrary, be considered to have been so formed or availed of.

(4) The property referred to in section 341(b) is that property or the aggregate of those properties with respect to which the requisite view existed. In order to ascertain the property or properties as to which the requisite view existed, reference shall be made to each property as to which, at the time of the sale, exchange, or distribution referred to in section 341(b) there has not been a realization by the corporation manufacturing, constructing, producing, or purchasing the property of a substantial part of the taxable income to be derived from such property. However, where any such property is a unit of an integrated project involving several properties similar in kind, the determination whether the requisite view existed shall be made only if a substantial part of the taxable income to be derived from the project has not been realized at the time of the sale, exchange, or distribution, and in such case the determination shall be made by reference to the aggregate of the properties constituting the single project.

(5) A corporation shall be deemed to have manufactured, constructed, produced, or purchased property if it (i) engaged in the manufacture, construction, or production of property to any extent, or (ii) holds property having a basis determined, in whole or in part, by reference to the cost of such property in the hands of a person who manufactured, constructed, produced, or purchased the property, or (iii) holds property having a basis determined, in whole or in part, by reference to the cost of property manufactured, constructed, produced, or purchased by the corporation. Thus, under subdivision (i) of this subparagraph, for example, a corporation need not have originated nor have completed the manufacture, construction, or production of the property. Under subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph, for example, if an individual

were to transfer property constructed by him to a corporation in exchange for all of the capital stock of such corporation, and such transfer qualifies under section 351, then the corporation would be deemed to have constructed the property, since the basis of the property in the hands of the corporation would, under section 362 be determined by reference to the basis of the property in the hands of the individual. Under subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph, for example, if a corporation were to exchange property constructed by it for property of like kind constructed by another person, and such exchange qualifies under section 1031(a), then the corporation would be deemed to have constructed the property received by it in the exchange, since the basis of the property received by it in the exchange would, under section 1031(d), be determined by reference to the basis of the property constructed by the corporation.

(6) In determining whether a corporation is a collapsible corporation by reason of the purchase of property, it is immaterial whether the property is purchased from the shareholders of the corporation or from persons other than such shareholders. The property, however, must be property which, in the hands of the corporation, is property of a kind described in section 341(b)(3). The determination whether property is of a kind described in section 341(b)(3) shall be made without regard to the fact that the corporation is formed or availed of with a view to the action described in section 341(b)(1).

(7) Section 341 is applicable whether the shareholder is an individual, a trust, an estate, a partnership, a company, or a corporation.

(b) *Section 341 assets.* For the purposes of this section, the term "section 341 assets" means the following listed property if held for less than 3 years:

(1) Stock in trade of the corporation, or other property of a kind which would properly be included in the inventory of the corporation if on hand at the close of the taxable year.

(2) Property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of a trade or business.

(3) Property used in a trade or business as defined in section 1231(b) and held for less than 3 years, except property that is or has been used in connection with the manufacture, construction, production or sale of property described in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph.

(4) Unrealized receivables or fees pertaining to property listed in this paragraph. The term "unrealized receivables or fees" means any rights (contractual or otherwise) to payment for property listed in subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this paragraph which has been delivered or is to be delivered and rights to payments for services rendered or to be rendered, to the extent such rights have not been included in the income of the corporation under the method of accounting used by it. In determining whether the assets referred to in this paragraph have been held for 3 years, the time such assets were held by a transferor shall be taken into consideration (section 1223). However, no such period shall begin before the date the manufacture, construction, production, or purchase of such assets is completed.

§ 1.341-3 Presumptions.

(a) Unless shown to the contrary a corporation shall be considered to be a collapsible corporation if at the time of the transactions described in § 1.341-1 the fair market value of the section 341 assets held by it constitutes 50 percent or more of the fair market value of its total assets and the fair market value of the section 341 assets is 120 percent or more of the adjusted basis of such assets. In determining the fair market value of the total assets, cash, obligations which are capital assets in the hands of the corporation, governmental obligations, and stock in any other corporation shall not be taken into consideration. The failure of a corporation to meet the requirements of this paragraph, shall not give rise to the presumption that the corporation was not a collapsible corporation.

(b) The following example will illustrate the application of this section:

Example. A corporation, filing its income tax returns on the accrual basis, on July 31, 1955, owned assets with the following fair market values: Cash, $175,000, note receivable held for investment, $130,000; stocks of other corporations, $545,000; rents receivable, $15,000; and a building constructed by the corporation in 1953 and held thereafter as rental property, $750,000. The adjusted basis of the building on that date was $600,000. The only debt outstanding was a $500,000 mortgage on the building. On July 31, 1955, the corporation liquidated and distributed all of its assets to its shareholders. In computing whether the fair market value of the section 341 assets (only the building) is 50 percent or more of the fair market value of the total assets, the cash, note receivable, and stocks of other corporations are not taken into account in determining the value of the total assets, with the result that the fair market value of the total assets was $765,000 ($750,000 (building) plus $15,000 rents receivable). Therefore, the value of the building is 98 percent of the total assets ($750,000÷$765,000). The value of the building is also 125 percent of the adjusted basis of the building ($750,000÷$600,000). In view of the above facts, there arises a presumption that the corporation is a collapsible corporation.

§ 1.341-4 Limitations on application of section.

(a) *General.* This section shall apply only to the extent that the recognized gain of a shareholder upon his stock in a collapsible corporation would be considered, but for the provisions of this section, as gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset held for more than 1 year (6 months for taxable years before 1977; 9 months for taxable years beginning in 1977). Thus, if a taxpayer sells at a gain stock of a collapsible corporation which he had held for six months or less, this section would not, in any event, apply to such gain. Also, if it is determined, under provisions of law other than section 341, that a sale or exchange at a gain of stock of a collapsible corporation which has been held for more than 1 year (6 months for taxable years before 1977; 9 months for taxable years beginning in 1977) results in ordinary income rather than long-term capital gain, then this section (including the limitations contained herein) has no application whatsoever to such gain.

(b) *Stock ownership rules.* (1) This section shall apply in the case of gain realized by a shareholder upon his stock in a collapsible corporation only if the shareholder, at any time after the actual commencement of the manufacture, construction, or production of the property, or at the time of the purchase of the property described in section 341(b)(3) or at any time thereafter, (i) owned, or was considered as owning, more than 5 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation, or (ii) owned stock which was considered as owned at such time by another shareholder who then owned, or was considered as owning, more than 5 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation.

(2) The ownership of stock shall be determined in accordance with the rules prescribed by section 544(a) (1), (2), (3), (5), and (6), except that, in addition to the persons prescribed by section 544(a)(2), the family of an individual shall include the spouses of that individual's brothers and sisters, whether such brothers and sisters are by the whole or the half blood, and the spouses of that individual's lineal descendants.

(3) For the purpose of this limitation, treasury stock shall not be considered as outstanding stock.

(4) It is possible, under this limitation, that a shareholder in a collapsible corporation may have gain upon his stock in that corporation treated differently from the gain of another shareholder in the same collapsible corporation.

(c) *Seventy-percent rule.* (1) This section shall apply to the gain recognized during a taxable year upon the stock in a collapsible corporation only if more than 70 percent of such gain is attributable to the property referred to in section 341(b)(1). If more than 70 percent of such gain is so attributable, then all of such gain is subject to this section, and, if 70 percent or less of such gain is so attributable, then none of such gain is subject to this section.

(2) For the purpose of this limitation, the gain attributable to the property referred to in section 341(b)(1) is the excess of the recognized gain of the shareholder during the taxable year upon his stock in the collapsible corporation over the recognized gain which the shareholder would have if the property had not been manufac-

tured, constructed, produced, or purchased. In the case of gain on a distribution in partial liquidation or a distribution described in section 301(c)(3)(A), the gain attributable to the property shall not be less than an amount which bears the same ratio to the gain on such distribution as the gain which would be attributable to the property if there had been a complete liquidation at the time of such distribution bears to the total gain which would have resulted from such complete liquidation.

(3) Gain may be attributable to the property referred to in section 341(b)(1) even though such gain is represented by an appreciation in the value of property other than that manufactured, constructed, produced, or purchased. Where, for example, a corporation owns a tract of land and the development of one-half of the tract increases the value of the other half, the gain attributable to the developed half of the tract includes the increase in the value of the other half.

(4) The following example will illustrate the application of the 70 percent rule:

Example: On January 2, 1954, A formed the Z Corporation and contributed $1,000,000 cash in exchange for all of the stock thereof. The Z Corporation invested $400,000 in one project for the purpose of building and selling residential houses. As of December 31, 1954, the residential houses in this project were all sold, resulting in a profit of $100,000 (after taxes). Simultaneously with the development of the first project and in connection with a second and separate project the Z Corporation invested $600,000 in land for the purpose of subdividing such land into lots suitable for sale as home sites and distributing such lots in liquidation before the realization by the corporation of a substantial part of the taxable income to be realized from this second project. As of December 31, 1954, Corporation Z had derived $60,000 in profits (after taxes) from the sale of some of the lots. On January 2, 1955, the Z Corporation made a distribution in complete liquidation to shareholder A who received:

(i) $560,000 in cash and notes, and

(ii) Lots having a fair market value of $940,000.

The gain recognized to shareholder A upon the liquidation is $500,000 ($1,500,000 minus $1,000,000). The gain which would have been recognized to A if the second project had not been undertaken is $100,000 ($1,100,000 minus $1,000,000). Therefore, the gain attributable to the second project which is property referred to in section 341(b)(1), is $400,000 ($500,000 minus $100,000). Since this gain ($400,000) is more than 70 percent of the entire gain ($500,000) recognized to A on the liquidation, the entire gain so recognized is gain subject to section 341(a).

(d) *Three-year rule.* This section shall not apply to that portion of the gain of a shareholder that is realized more than three years after the actual completion of the manufacture, construction, production, or purchase of the property referred to in section 341(b)(1) to which such portion is attributable. However, if the actual completion of the manufacture, construction, production, or purchase of all of such property occurred more than 3 years before the date on which the gain is realized, this section shall not apply to any part of the gain realized.

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§ 1.341-5 Application of section.

(a) Whether or not a corporation is a collapsible corporation shall be determined under the regulations of §§ 1.341-2 and 1.341-3 on the basis of all the facts and circumstances in each particular case. The following paragraphs of this section set forth those facts which will ordinarily be considered sufficient to establish that a corporation is or is not a collapsible corporation. The facts set forth in the following paragraphs of this section are not exclusive of other facts which may be controlling in any particular case. For example, if the facts in paragraph (b) of this section, but not the facts in paragraph (c) of this section, are present, the corporation may nevertheless not be a collapsible corporation if there are other facts which clearly establish that the regulations of §§ 1.341-2 and 1.341-3 are not satisfied. Similarly, if the facts in paragraph (c) of this section are present, the corporation may nevertheless be a collapsible corporation if there are other facts which clearly establish that the corporation was formed or availed of in the manner described in §§ 1.341-2 and 1.341-3 or if the facts in paragraph (c) of this section are not significant by reason of other facts, such as the fact that the corporation is subject to the control of persons other than those who were in control immediately prior to the manufacture, construction, production, or purchase of the property. See § 1.341-4 for provisions which make section 341 inapplicable to certain shareholders of collapsible corporations.

(b) The following facts will ordinarily be considered sufficient (except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of this section and paragraph (c) of this section) to establish that a corporation is a collapsible corporation:

(1) A shareholder of the corporation sells or exchanges his stock, or receives a liquidating distribution, or a distribution described in section 301(c)(3)(A),

(2) Upon such sale, exchange, or distribution, such shareholder realizes gain attributable to the property described in subparagraphs (4) and (5) of this paragraph, and

(3) At the time of the manufacture, construction, production, or purchase of the property described in subparagraphs (4) and (5) of this paragraph, such activity was substantial in relation to the other activities of the corporation which manufactured, constructed, produced, or purchased such property.

The property referred to in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph is that property or the aggregate of those properties which meet the following two requirements:

(4) The property is manufactured, constructed, or produced by the corporation or by another corporation stock of which is held by the corporation, or is property purchased by the corporation or by such other corporation which (in the hands of the corporation holding such property) is property described in section 341(b)(3), and

(5) At the time of the sale, exchange, or distribution described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, the corporation which manufactured, constructed, produced, or purchased such property has not realized a substantial part of the taxable income to be derived from such property.

In the case of property which is a unit of an integrated project involving several properties similar in kind, the rules of this subparagraph shall be applied to the aggregate of the properties constituting the single project rather than separately to such unit. Under the rules of this subparagraph, a corporation shall be considered a collapsible corporation by reason of holding stock in other corporations which manufactured, constructed, produced, or purchased the property only if the activity of the corporation in holding stock in such other corporations is substantial in relation to the other activities of the corporation.

(c) The absence of any of the facts set forth in paragraph (b) of this section or the presence of the following facts will ordinarily be considered sufficient (except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of this section) to establish that a corporation is not a collapsible corporation:

(1) In the case of a corporation subject to paragraph (b) of this section only by reason of the manufacture, construction, production, or purchase (either by the corporation or by another corporation the stock of which is held by the corporation) of property which is property described in section 341(b)(3) (A) and (B), the amount (both in quantity and value) of such property is not in excess of the amount which is normal—

(i) For the purpose of the business activities of the corporation which manufactured, constructed, produced, or purchased the property if such corporation has a substantial prior business history involving the use of such property and continues in business, or

(ii) For the purpose of an orderly liquidation of the business if the corporation which manufactured, constructed, produced, or purchased such property has a substantial prior business history involving the use of such property and is in the process of liquidation.

(2) In the case of a corporation subject to paragraph (b) of this section with respect to the manufacture, construction, or production (either by the corporation or by another corporation the stock of which is held by the corporation) of property, the amount of the unrealized taxable income from

such property is not substantial in relation to the amount of the taxable income realized (after the completion of a material part of such manufacture, construction, or production, and prior to the sale, exchange, or distribution referred to in paragraph (b)(1) of this section) from such property and from other property manufactured, constructed, or produced by the corporation.

(d) The following examples will illustrate the application of this section:

Example (1). (i) On January 2, 1954, A formed the W Corporation and contributed $50,000 cash in exchange for all of the stock thereof. The W Corporation borrowed $900,000 from a bank and used $800,000 of such sum in the construction of an apartment house on land which it purchased for $50,000. The apartment house was completed on December 31, 1954. On December 31, 1954, the corporation, having determined that the fair market value of the apartment house, separate and apart from the land, was $900,000, made a distribution (permitted under the applicable State law) to A of $100,000. At this time, the fair market value of the land was $50,000. As of December 31, 1954, the corporation has not realized any earnings and profits. In 1955, the corporation began the operation of the apartment house and received rentals therefrom. The corporation has since continued to own and operate the building. The corporation reported on the basis of the calendar year and cash receipts and disbursements.

(ii) Since A received a distribution and realized a gain attributable to the building constructed by the corporation, since, at the time of such distribution, the corporation has not realized a substantial part of the taxable income to be derived from such building, and since the construction of the building was a substantial activity of the corporation, the W Corporation is considered a collapsible corporation under paragraph (b) of § 1.341-5. The provisions of section 341(d) do not prohibit the application of section 341(a). Therefore, the distribution, if and to the extent that it may be considered long-term capital gain rather than ordinary income without regard to section 341, will be considered ordinary income under section 341(a).

(iii) In the event of the existence of additional facts and circumstances in the above case, the corporation, notwithstanding the above facts, might not be considered a collapsible corporation. See § 1.342-2 and paragraph (a) of § 1.341-5.

Example (2). (i) On January 2, 1954, B formed X Corporation and became its sole shareholder. In August 1954, the corporation completed construction of an office building. It immediately sold this building at a gain of $50,000, included this entire gain in its return for 1954, and distributed this entire gain (less taxes) to B. In June 1955, the corporation completed construction of a second office building. In August 1955, B sold the entire stock of X Corporation at a gain of $12,000, which gain is attributable to the second building.

(ii) X Corporation is a collapsible corporation under section 341(b) for the following reasons: The gain realized through the sale of the stock of X Corporation was attributable to the second office building; the construction of that building was a substantial activity of X Corporation during the time of construction and, at the time of sale, the corporation had not realized a substantial part of the taxable income to be derived from such building. Since the provisions of section 341(d) do not prohibit the application of section 341 (a) to B, the gain of $12,000 to B is, accordingly, considered ordinary income.

Example (3). The facts are the same as in example (2), except that the following facts are shown: B was the president of the X Corporation and active in the conduct of its business. The second building was constructed as the first step in a project of the X Corporation for the development for rental purposes of a large suburban center involving the construction of several buildings by the corporation. The sale of the stock by B was caused by his retiring from all business activity as a result of illness arising after the second building was constructed. Under these additional facts, the corporation is not considered a collapsible corporation. See § 1.341-2 and paragraph (a) of § 1.341-5.

Example (4). (i) On January 2, 1948, C formed the Y Corporation and became the sole shareholder thereof. The Y Corporation has been engaged solely in the business of producing motion pictures and licensing their exhibition. On January 2, 1955, C sold all of the stock of the Y Corporation at a gain. The Y Corporation has produced one motion picture each year since its organization and before January 2, 1955, it has realized a substantial part of the taxable income to be derived from each of its motion pictures except the last one made in 1954. This last motion picture was completed September 1, 1954. As of January 2, 1955, no license had been made for its exhibition. The fair market value on January 2, 1955, of this last motion picture exceeds the cost of its production by $50,000. A material part of the production of this last picture was completed on January 1, 1954, and between that date and January 2, 1955, the corporation had realized taxable income of $500,000 from other motion pictures produced by it.

The corporation has consistently distributed to its shareholder its taxable income when received (after adjustment for taxes).

(ii) Although the corporation is within paragraph (b) of this section with respect to the production of property, the amount of the unrealized income from such property ($50,000) is not substantial in relation to the amount of the income realized, after the completion of a material part of the production of such property and prior to sale of the stock, from such property and other property produced by the corporation ($500,000). Accordingly, the Y Corporation is within paragraph (c)(2) of this section, and is not considered a collapsible corporation.

Example (5). The facts are the same as in example (4) except that C sold all of his stock to D on February 1, 1954. On January 2, 1955, D sold all of the Y Corporation stock at a gain, the gain being attributable to the picture completed September 1, 1954, and not released by the corporation for exhibition. In view of the change of control of the corporation, the provisions of paragraph (c)(2) of this section are not significant at the time of the sale by D, and the Y Corporation would be considered a collapsible corporation on January 2, 1955. See § 1.341-2 and paragraph (a) of § 1.341-5.

§ 1.341-6 Exceptions to application of section.

(a) *In general*—(1) *Transactions excepted.* Section 341(e) excepts 4 types of transactions from the application of the collapsible corporation provisions. These exceptions, where applicable, eliminate the necessity of determining whether a corporation is a collapsible corporation within the meaning of section 341(b) or whether any of the limitations of section 341(d) are applicable. Under section 341(e) (1) and (2), there are 2 exceptions which are designed to allow the shareholders of a corporation either to sell or exchange their stock or to receive distributions in certain complete liquidations without having any gain considered under section 341(a) (1) or (2) as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is not a capital asset. Under section 341(e)(3), a third exception is designed to permit the shareholders of a corporation to make use of section 333, relating to elections as to recognition of gain in certain complete liquidations occurring within one calendar month. Under section 341(e)(4), the fourth exception permits a corporation to make use of section 337, relating to nonrecognition of gain or loss on sales or exchanges of property by a corporation following the adoption of a plan of complete liquidation. Section 341(e) does not apply to distributions in partial liquidation or in redemption of stock (other than any such distribution pursuant to a plan of complete liquidation), or to distributions described in section 301(c)(3)(A).

(2) *Effective date.* The exceptions in section 341(e) (1), (2), and (3) apply only with respect to taxable years of shareholders beginning after December 31, 1957, and only with respect to sales or exchanges of stock and distributions of property occurring after September 2, 1958. The exception in section 341(e)(4) applies only with respect to taxable years of corporations beginning after December 31, 1957, and only if all sales or exchanges of property, and all liquidating distributions, made by the corporation under the plan of complete liquidation occur after September 2, 1958.

(3) *Definition of constructive shareholder and attribution rules.* (i) For purposes of this section, the term "constructive shareholder" means a person who does not actually own any stock but who is considered to own stock by reason of the application of subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph.

(ii) For purposes of this section (other than paragraph (k), relating to definition of related person) a person shall be considered to own the stock he actually owns plus any stock which is attributed to him by reason of applying the rules prescribed in paragraph (b) (2) and (3) of § 1.341-4. See section 341(e)(10).

(iii) As an example of this subparagraph, if a husband does not actually own any stock in a corporation but his wife is the actual owner of 5 shares in the corporation, then the husband is a constructive shareholder who is considered to own 5 shares in the corporation.

(4) *General corporate test.* No exception provided in section 341(e) applies unless a general corporate test and, where applicable, a specific shareholder test are satisfied. Under the general corporate test no taxpayer may utilize the provisions of section 341(e) unless the net increase in value (called "net

unrealized appreciation") in the corporation's "subsection (e) assets" does not exceed 15 percent of the corporation's net worth. Subsection (e) assets are, in general, those assets of the corporation which, if sold at a gain by the corporation or by any actual or constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock, would result in the realization of ordinary income. See paragraph (b) of this section for the definition of subsection (e) assets, and paragraph (h) of this section for definition of net unrealized appreciation. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). X Corporation is in the business of selling whiskey. The net unrealized appreciation in its whiskey is $20,000 and the net worth of the corporation is $100,000. Since the corporation's whiskey is a subsection (e) asset and since the net unrealized appreciation in subsection (e) assets ($20,000) exceeds 15 percent of net worth ($15,000), the general corporate test is not satisfied and section 341(e) is inapplicable to the corporation or its shareholders.

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in example (1) except that X Corporation is not in the business of selling whiskey. Assume further that an actual shareholder who owns more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding X stock (or a person who is considered to own such actual shareholder's stock, such as his spouse) is in the business of selling whiskey. The result is the same as in example (1).

(5) *Specific shareholder test.* Even if the general corporate test is met, a shareholder selling or exchanging his stock or receiving a distribution with respect to his stock (referred to as a "specific shareholder") who is considered to own more than 5 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation may not utilize the benefits of the exception in section 341(e)(1) (or the exception in section 341(e)(2)) unless he satisfies the applicable specific shareholder test. In general, the specific shareholder test is satisfied if the net unrealized appreciation in subsection (e) assets of the corporation, plus the net unrealized appreciation in certain other assets of the corporation which would be subsection (e) assets in respect of the specific shareholder under the following circumstances, does not exceed 15 percent of the corporation's net worth:

(i) If the specific shareholder is considered to own more than 5 percent but not more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock, he must take into account the net unrealized appreciation in assets of the corporation which would be subsection (e) assets if he was considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock (see paragraph (c)(3)(i) of this section);

(ii) In addition, if the specific shareholder is considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock, he must also take into account the net unrealized appreciation in assets of the corporation which would be subsection (e) assets under section 341(e)(5)(A) (i) and (iii) if his ownership within the preceding 3 years of stock in certain "related" corporations were taken into account in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (c)(3)(ii) and (d) of this section.

(b) *Subsection (e) asset defined*—(1) *General.* The benefits of section 341(e) are unavailable if the net unrealized appreciation (as defined in paragraph (h) of this section) in certain assets of the corporation (hereinafter called "subsection (e) assets") exceeds 15 percent of the corporation's net worth. In determining whether property is a subsection (e) asset, it is immaterial whether the property is described in section 341(b), and there shall not be taken into account sections 617(d) (relating to gain from dispositions of certain mining property), 1245 and 1250 (relating to gain from dispositions of certain depreciable property), 1251 (relating to gain from disposition of farm property where farm losses offset nonfarm income), and 1252 (relating to gain from disposition of farm land).

(2) *Categories of subsection (e) assets.* The term "subsection (e) assets", as defined in section 341(e)(5)(A) (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv), means the following categories of property held by a corporation:

(i) The first category is property (except property described in section 1231(b), without regard to any holding period prescribed therein) which in the hands of the corporation is, or in the hands of any actual or constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation would be, property gain from the sale or exchange of which would under any provision of chapter 1 of the Code (other than section 617(d), 1245, 1250, 1251, or 1252) be considered in whole or in part as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is neither a capital asset nor property described in section 1231(b). For example, included in this category is property held by a corporation which in its hands is stock in trade, inventory, or property held by it primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of its trade or business regardless of whether such property is appreciated or depreciated in value. Also included in this category is property held by a corporation which is a capital asset in its hands but which, in the hands of any actual or constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock, would be stock in trade, inventory, or property held by such actual or constructive shareholder primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business. For additional rules relating to whether property is a subsection (e) asset under this subdivision, see subparagraphs (3), (4), and (5) of this paragraph.

(ii) The second category of subsection (e) assets is property which in the hands of the corporation is property described in section 1231(b) (without regard to any holding period prescribed therein), but only if there is net unrealized depreciation (within the meaning of paragraph (h)(2) of this section) on all such property. This subdivision may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X Corporation owns only the following section 1231(b) property (determined without regard to holding period).

Oil leaseholds	Adjusted basis	Fair market value	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)
No. 1	$16,000	$10,000	($6,000)
No. 2	8,000	5,000	(3,000)
No. 3	5,000	5,000	0
No. 4	3,000	5,000	2,000
Totals	32,000	25,000	(7,000)

Since with respect to such property the unrealized depreciation in property on which there is unrealized depreciation ($9,000) exceeds the unrealized appreciation in property on which there is unrealized appreciation ($2,000), all such property is included in subsection (e) assets under clause (ii) of section 341(e)(5)(A).

(iii) The third category of subsection (e) assets exists only if there is net unrealized appreciation on all property which in the hands of the corporation is property described in section 1231(b) (without regard to any holding period prescribed therein). In such case, any such section 1231(b) property (whether appreciated or depreciated) is a subsection (e) asset of the third category if, in the hands of an actual or constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation, such property would be property gain from the sale or exchange of which would under any provision of chapter 1 of the Code (other than section 617(d), 1245, 1250, 1251, or 1252) be considered in whole or in part as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is neither a capital asset nor property described in section 1231(b). Included in this category, for example, is property which in the hands of the corporation is property described in section 1231(b) (without regard to any holding period prescribed therein), but which in the hands of an actual or constructive more-than-20-percent shareholder would be property used in his trade or business held for not more than 1 year (6 months for taxable years beginning before 1977; 9 months for taxable years beginning in 1977), stock in trade, inventory, or property held by such shareholder primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business. For additional rules relating to whether property is a subsection (e) asset under this subdivision, see subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this paragraph. This subdivision may be further illustrated by the following example:

Example. Assume the same facts as stated in the example under subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph, except that in addition to the oil leaseholds the corporation also owns land which has a fair market value of $30,000 and an adjusted basis of $20,000 and which in the hands of the corporation is property described in section 1231(b) (without regard to any holding period prescribed therein). Assume further that A is a constructive shareholder of the corporation who is considered to own 25 percent in value of its outstanding stock and that A holds land primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business, and that no actual or constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the stock of corporation X so holds oil leases. Since with respect to the corporation's section 1231(b) property the unrealized appreciation in such property on which there is unrealized appreciation ($12,000) exceeds the unrealized depreciation in such property on which there is unrealized depreciation ($9,000), then clause (iii), and not clause (ii), of section 341(e)(5)(A) is applicable. Therefore, no oil lease of the corporation is a subsection (e) asset. However, since in the hands of A, a more-than-20-percent constructive shareholder, the land would be property gain from the sale or exchange of which would be considered as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is neither a capital asset nor property described in section 1231(b), the land is a subsection (e) asset. Consequently, the net unrealized appreciation on subsection (e) assets of the corporation is $10,000 since the net unrealized depreciation on the oil leases is not taken into account.

(iv) The fourth category of subsection (e) assets is property (unless included under subdivision (i), (ii), or (iii) of this subparagraph) which consists of a copyright, a literary, musical, or artistic composition, a letter or memorandum, or similar property, or any interest in any such property, if the property was created in whole or in part by the personal efforts of, or, in the case of a letter, memorandum, or property similar to a letter or memorandum, was prepared, or produced in whole or in part, for, any individual actual or constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 5 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation. For items included in the phrase "similar property" see paragraph (c) of § 1.1221-1. In general, property is created in whole or in part by the personal efforts of an individual if such individual performs literary, theatrical, musical, artistic, or other creative or productive work which affirmatively contributes to the creation of the property, or if such individual directs and guides others in the performance of such work. An individual, such as a corporate executive, who merely has administrative control of writers, actors, artists, or personnel and who does not substantially engage in the direction and guidance of such persons in the performance of their work, does not create property by his personal efforts. However, a letter or memorandum, or property similar to a letter or memorandum, which is prepared by personnel who are under the administrative control of an individual, such as a corporate executive, shall be deemed to have been prepared or produced for him whether or not such letter, memorandum, or similar property is reviewed by him. In addition, a letter, memorandum, or property similar to a letter or memorandum, addressed to an individual shall be considered as prepared or produced for him. In the case of a letter, memorandum, or property similar to a letter or memorandum, this subdivision applies only to sales and other dispositions occurring after July 25, 1969.

(3) *Manner of determination.* For purposes of determining whether property is a subsection (e) asset under subparagraph (2) (i) or (iii) of this paragraph, the determination as to whether property of a corporation in the hands of the corporation is, or in the hands of an actual or constructive shareholder of the corporation would be, property gain from the sale or exchange of which would under any provision of chapter 1 of the Code (other than section 617(d), 1245, 1250, 1251, or 1252) be considered in whole or in part as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is neither a capital asset nor property described in section 1231(b) shall be made as if all property of the corporation had been sold or exchanged to one person in one

transaction. For example, if a corporation whose sole asset is an interest in a gas well has entered into a long-term contract for the future delivery of gas from the well, the ownership of which will pass to the buyer only after extraction or severance from the well, the determination as to whether such contract is a subsection (e) asset shall be made as if the contract were sold or exchanged to one person in one transaction together with such corporation's interest in the well. An assumed sale under this subparagraph does not affect the character of property which is held for sale to customers in the ordinary course of a person's trade or business or the character of a transaction which would be an anticipatory assignment of income. Thus, for example, if a corporation holds subdivided lots for sale to customers in the ordinary course of its trade or business, this subparagraph shall not be applied to change the manner in which the lots are held.

(4) *Shareholder reference test.* For purposes of subparagraph (2) (i) and (iii) of this paragraph, in determining whether any property of the corporation would, in the hands of a particular actual or constructive shareholder, be property gain from the sale or exchange of which would be considered in whole or in part as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is neither a capital asset nor property described in section 1231(b), all the facts and circumstances of the direct and indirect activities of the shareholder must be taken into account. If the particular shareholder holds property primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business and if similar property is held by the corporation, then in the hands of the shareholder such corporate property will be treated as held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business. Moreover, even if the shareholder does not presently so hold property which is similar to property held by the corporation, it may be determined under the particular facts and circumstances (taking into account an assumed sale of such corporate property by the shareholder, all his other direct and indirect activities, and, if applicable, the fact that he previously so held similar property) that he would hold the corporate property primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business. See also paragraph (d) of this section, pertaining to effect of stock in related corporations.

(5) *Special rule for stock in shareholder's investment account.* If—

(i) A dealer in stock or securities is an actual shareholder (considered to own more than 20 percent of the outstanding stock of a corporation) and holds such stock which he actually owns in his investment account pursuant to section 1236(a), or

(ii) A dealer in stock or securities is a constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 20 percent of the outstanding stock of a corporation,

then stock or securities held by such corporation shall not be considered subsection (e) assets under subparagraph (2)(i) of this paragraph solely because such actual or constructive shareholder is a dealer in stock or securities. However, stock held by such corporation shall be considered as a subsection (e) asset if, in the hands of any more-than-20-percent actual or constructive shareholder of the corporation, the gain (or any portion thereof) upon a sale of such stock would (if it were held for more than 1 year (6 months for taxable years beginning before 1977; 9 months for taxable years beginning in 1977), constitute, by reason of the application of section 341, gain from the sale of property which is not a capital asset. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. Jones, a more-than-20-percent actual shareholder in corporation X holds his X stock in an investment account in the manner prescribed in section 1236(a). Jones is a dealer in stock and securities and holds land for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business. No other actual or constructive shareholder is a dealer in stock and securities or so holds land. X holds all of the stock in corporation Y, a collapsible corporation within the meaning of section 341(b). Y's sole asset is land on which unrealized appreciation exceeds 15 percent of Y's net worth. Since Jones holds his X stock in an investment account pursuant to section 1236(a), the Y stock cannot be considered a subsection (e) asset of the X Corporation merely because Jones is a dealer in stock and securities. Nevertheless, the Y stock is a subsection (e) asset of the X Corporation because if Jones were treated as having sold the Y stock, his gain would be treated as gain from the sale of property which is not a capital asset by reason of the application of section 341. If, however, the net unrealized appreciation on Y's land did not exceed 15 percent of Y's net worth the Y stock would not be a subsection (e) asset since section 341(e)(1) would except such sale from the application of section 341.

(c) *Sales or exchanges of stock*—(1) *General.* Section 341(e)(1) provides that, if certain requirements are satisfied, the provisions of section 341(a)(1) shall in no event apply to certain sales or exchanges of stock by a shareholder. See subparagraph (5) of this paragraph for sales or exchanges of stock which do not qualify under section 341(e)(1). Section 341(e)(1) applies to a sale or exchange of stock by a shareholder only if, at the time of such sale or exchange, the general corporate test and, if applicable, the specific shareholder test are satisfied.

(2) *General corporate test.* The general corporate test is satisfied if the net unrealized appreciation in subsection (e) assets of the corporation does not exceed an amount equal to 15 percent of the net worth of the corporation. See paragraphs (h), (b), and (j) of this section for the definition of "net unrealized appreciation," "subsection (e) assets," and "net worth."

(3) *Specific shareholder test.* The specific shareholder test (if applicable) is satisfied if the following conditions are met:

(i) If the shareholder selling or exchanging the stock is considered to own more than 5 percent but not more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock, the sum of the net unrealized appreciation in the following assets of the corporation must not exceed an amount equal to 15 percent of the net worth of the corporation:

(*a*) The subsection (e) assets of the corporation, plus

(*b*) The other assets of the corporation which would be subsection (e) assets under section 341(e)(5)(A) (i) and (iii) if such shareholder were considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock.

(ii) If the shareholder selling or exchanging the stock is considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock, the sum of the net unrealized appreciation in the following assets of the corporation must not exceed an amount equal to 15 percent of the net worth of the corporation:

(*a*) The subsection (e) assets of the corporation, plus

(*b*) The other assets of the corporation which would be subsection (e) assets under section 341(e)(5)(A) (i) and (iii) if the shareholder's ownership of stock in certain related corporations were taken into account in the manner prescribed in paragraph (d) of this section.

(4) *Example.* Subparagraph (3) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. Assume an individual, A, and his grandfather, G, each actually owns 3 percent in value of the stock of corporation X, a corporation holding apartment houses used in its trade or business on which net unrealized appreciation exceeds 15 percent of X's net worth. A, but not G, holds apartment houses primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business. Assume that X satisfies the general corporate test. A and G desire to sell their stock and to take advantage of section 341(e)(1). Since a grandfather and grandson are each considered to own the other's stock under paragraph (a)(3)(ii) of this section, A and G are each considered to own 6 percent in value of corporation X's outstanding stock. Therefore, A cannot avail himself of section 341(e)(1) since he does not satisfy the specific shareholder test prescribed in subparagraph (3)(i) of this paragraph. G, however, who is considered to own 6 percent in value of the stock, does not hold apartment houses for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business. Therefore, G satisfies the specific shareholder test and may benefit from section 341(e)(1).

(5) *Nonqualifying sales or exchanges.* Section 341(e)(1) does not apply to any sale or exchange of stock to the issuing corporation. Thus, stock redemptions (including distributions in complete or partial liquidation) cannot qualify under section 341(e)(1). In addition, section 341(e)(1) does not apply in any case where a shareholder who is considered to own more than 20 per-

cent in value of the outstanding stock sells or exchanges stock to any person related (within the meaning of paragraph (k) of this section) to such shareholder. A sale or exchange of stock of the corporation by a shareholder to which section 341(e) (1) does not apply because of this subparagraph shall have no effect on the application of this section to other sales or exchanges of stock of the corporation.

(6) *Example.* For an illustration of the application of this paragraph, see example (2) in paragraph (o) of this section.

(d) *Stock in related corporations*—(1) *General.* This paragraph provides rules for applying the specific shareholder test prescribed in paragraph (c)(3)(ii) of this section for purposes of determining whether section 341(e)(1) (relating to sales or exchanges of stock of a corporation) or section 341(e)(2) (relating to distributions in complete liquidation of a corporation) applies to an actual shareholder who is considered as owning more than 20 percent in value of the corporation's outstanding stock. In general, if such a more-than-20-percent shareholder of such corporation (referred to as a "first" corporation) owns, or at any time during the preceding 3 years has owned, more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of a "related" corporation (see subparagraph (2) of this paragraph), then certain transactions in respect of the stock of the related corporation are taken into account in the manner prescribed in subparagraph (3) of this paragraph. By taking such transactions into account, such shareholder of the first corporation may be deemed to hold primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business property similar or related in service or use to property owned by the first corporation where his other activities, direct and indirect, are insufficient to treat him as so holding such property. See section 341(e) (1)(C) and (2)(C). The transactions in respect of stock in a related corporation are taken into account solely for the purpose of determining the extent to which assets (other than subsection (e) assets) of the first corporation are treated as subsection (e) assets under the shareholder reference tests of section 341(e)(5)(A) (i) and (iii). For purposes of this paragraph, the term "similar or related in service or use" shall have the same meaning as such term has in section 1033 (relating to involuntary conversions), without regard to subsection (g) thereof.

(2) *Related corporation defined.* (i) A corporation (referred to as a "second" corporation) is "related" to another corporation (referred to as a "first" corporation) if the stock ownership test specified in subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph and the more-than-70-percent-asset comparison test specified in subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph are met.

(ii) The stock ownership test specified in this subdivision is met—

(*a*) In the case of a sale or exchange referred to in paragraph (c)(1) of this section, if the shareholder in the first corporation is considered to own on the date of such sale or exchange more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the first corporation, and if on such date (or at any time during the 3-year period preceding such date) such shareholder in the first corporation is an actual or constructive shareholder in the second corporation who was considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the second corporation, or

(*b*) In the case of a distribution pursuant to the adoption by the first corporation of a plan of complete liquidation referred to in paragraph (e) of this section, if the shareholder in the first corporation is considered to own on any date after the adoption of such plan more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the first corporation, and if on such date (or at any time during the 3-year period preceding such date) such shareholder in the first corporation was an actual or constructive shareholder in the second corporation who was considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the second corporation.

(iii) The more-than-70-percent-asset comparison test specified in this subdivision is met if more than 70 percent in value of the assets of the second corporation (at any of the applicable times determined under subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph during which the shareholder of the first corporation is or was considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the second corporation) are, or were, assets similar or related in service or use to assets comprising more than 70 percent in value of the assets of the first corporation (at any of the times determined under subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph during which the shareholder of the first corporation is or was considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the first corporation).

(iv) This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X is a first corporation and Y is a second corporation. On January 15, 1960, Jones purchased 21 percent in value of the outstanding stock of X, which he sold on January 1, 1961. On January 15, 1955, Jones had purchased 21 percent in value of the outstanding stock of Y which he sold on December 15, 1959. Since Jones owned 21 percent of the outstanding X stock on January 1, 1961 (the date he sold his X stock) and also owned 21 percent of the outstanding Y stock at some time during the 3-year period preceding January 1, 1961, the stock ownership test specified in subdivision (ii) (*a*) of this subparagraph is met. Assume that more than 70 percent in value of the assets of Y were apartment houses held for rental purposes at some time between January 1, 1958, and December 15, 1959 (the portion of the 3-year period preceding the date Jones sold his X stock during which he was a more-than-20-percent shareholder in Y) and that more than 70 percent in value of the assets of X were apartment houses held for rental purposes at some time during the period January 15, 1960, to January 1, 1961, inclusive (the portion of the 3-year period preceding the date he sold his X stock during which he was a more-than-20-percent shareholder in X). Thus, the more-than-70-percent-asset comparison test specified in subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph is met. Accordingly, corporation Y is related to corporation X within the meaning of this subparagraph.

(3) *Manner of taking into account.* If an actual shareholder in a first corporation who is considered to own more than 20 percent of the first corporation's stock, owns or has owned stock in a related corporation, then—

(i) Any sale or exchange by such shareholder, during the applicable period specified in subparagraph (2)(ii) of this paragraph, of stock in the related corporation shall be treated as a sale or exchange by him of his proportionate share of the assets of the related corporation, if immediately before such sale or exchange he was an actual shareholder of the related corporation who was considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the related corporation. A shareholder's proportionate share of the assets of a related corporation shall be that percent of each asset of the related corporation as the fair market value of the stock of the related corporation which he actually sold or exchanged bears, immediately before such sale or exchange, to the total fair market value of the outstanding stock of such related corporation; and

(ii) Any sale or exchange of property by the related corporation during the applicable period specified in subparagraph (2)(ii) of this paragraph, gain or loss on which was not recognized to the related corporation by reason of the application of section 337(a), shall be treated as a sale or exchange by him of his proportionate share of the related corporation's property sold or exchanged, if at the time of such sale or exchange he was an actual or constructive shareholder of the related corporation who was considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of such related corporation. A shareholder's proportionate share of such related corporation's property sold or exchanged shall be that percent of each such property sold or exchanged as the fair market value of the stock which he was considered to own in the related corporation immediately before such sale or exchange bears to the total fair market value of the outstanding stock of such related corporation at such time.

(4) *Example.* This paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (i) A owns 25 percent in value of the outstanding stock of Z Corporation. On December 31, 1959, he sells all his stock in the corporation and desires to take advantage of section 341(e)(1). The only asset of Z

Corporation is an appreciated apartment house held for rental purposes but which is not a subsection (e) asset. However, during the preceding 3-year period A sold 25 percent in value of the outstanding stock of each of 3 related corporations. More than 70 percent in value of the assets of each related corporation consisted of an apartment house.

(ii) In determining whether the apartment house owned by Z Corporation would be a subsection (e) asset under the shareholder reference test of section 341(e)(5)(A)(iii), A is treated as having sold a one-fourth interest in each of 3 apartment houses during the preceding 3-year period and these sales must be taken into account, together with all other facts and circumstances, in determining whether the apartment house owned by Z Corporation would be, in the hands of A, property gain from the sale or exchange of which would under any provision of chapter 1 of the Code (other than section 1245 or 1250) be considered as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is neither a capital asset nor property described in section 1231(b). However, A's sales of related corporation stock are not taken into account in determining whether section 341(e) (1) or (2) would be applicable to sales or exchanges of stock by (or liquidating distributions to) other shareholders of Z Corporation.

(e) *Distributions in certain liquidations pursuant to section 337*—(1) *In general.* Section 341(e)(2) provides that, if certain requirements are met, the provisions of section 341(a)(2) shall in no event apply to certain distributions in complete liquidation of a corporation. Section 341(e)(2) applies with respect to any distribution to a shareholder pursuant to a plan of complete liquidation if the following 3 requirements are satisfied:

(i) By reason of the application of section 341(e)(4) and paragraph (g) of this section, section 337(a) applies to sales or exchanges of property by the corporation within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the adoption of such plan. Thus, for example, section 341(e)(2) is not applicable in any case where depreciable, amortizable, or depletable property is distributed after the date of adoption of the plan or if the corporation does not sell substantially all of the properties held by it on such date within such 12-month period, since such a distribution, or the failure to make such a sale, makes section 337(a) inapplicable under section 341(e)(4).

(ii) At all times within such 12-month period the general corporate test of paragraph (c)(2) of this section is satisfied.

(iii) In respect of the shareholder who receives the distribution—

(*a*) At all times within such 12-month period while such shareholder is considered to own more than 5 percent but not more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation, the shareholder must satisfy the specific shareholder test of paragraph (c)(3)(i) of this section, and

(*b*) At all times within such 12-month period while such shareholder is considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation, the shareholder must satisfy the specific shareholder test of paragraph (c)(3)(ii) of this section.

(2) *Illustration.* For an illustration of this paragraph, see example (4) in paragraph (o) of this section.

(f) *Recognition of gain in certain liquidations under section 333.* Section 341(e)(3) provides that, for purposes of section 333 (relating to elections as to recognition of gain in certain complete liquidations occurring within one calendar month), a corporation is considered not to be a collapsible corporation if, at all times after the adoption of the plan of complete liquidation, the net unrealized appreciation in subsection (e) assets of the corporation does not exceed an amount equal to 15 percent of the net worth of the corporation. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the determination of subsection (e) assets shall be made in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section except that subparagraph (2) (i) and (iii) of such paragraph (b) shall apply in respect of any actual or constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 5 percent in value of the outstanding stock (in lieu of any actual or constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 20 percent in value of such stock). Thus, no shareholder of the corporation can qualify under paragraph (3) of section 341(e) for use of section 333 if, because of any actual or constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 5 percent in value of the stock, this modified general corporate test is not satisfied. On the other hand, once this modified general corporate test is satisfied, all the shareholders can use section 333 (assuming that the requirements of that section are satisfied) since there is no specific shareholder test. For an illustration of this paragraph, see example (3) in paragraph (o) of this section.

(g) *Gain or loss on sales or exchanges in connection with certain liquidations, pursuant to section 337*—(1) *General.* Section 341(e)(4) provides that solely for purposes of section 337, a corporation is considered not to be a collapsible corporation if (i) at all times within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the adoption of a plan of complete liquidation, the net unrealized appreciation in subsection (e) assets of the corporation does not exceed an amount equal to 15 percent of the net worth of the corporation; (ii) within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the adoption of such plan, the corporation sells substantially all of the properties held by it on such date; and (iii) following the adoption of such plan, no distribution is made of any property which in the hands of the corporation or in the hands of the distributee is property in respect of which a deduction for exhaustion, wear and tear, obsolescence, amortization, or depletion is allowable. Thus, if at the time of the adoption of the plan of liquidation the corporation is a collapsible corporation within the meaning of section 341(b) and if the preceding requirements are satisfied, then except as provided in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph section 337(a) will apply to such corporation but the corporation will continue to be a collapsible corporation within the meaning of section 341(b) (including for purposes of section 341(e)(2)) with the result that each shareholder must still satisfy all the tests in paragraph (e) of this section before he can utilize the benefits of section 341(e)(2).

(2) *Exception to section 337 treatment.* Section 341(e)(4) shall not apply with respect to any sale or exchange of property by the corporation to any actual or constructive shareholder who is considered to own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or to any person related (within the meaning of paragraph (k) of this section) to such actual or constructive shareholder if such property in the hands of the corporation, or in the hands of such shareholder or such related person, is property in respect of which a deduction for exhaustion, wear and tear, obsolescence, amortization, or depletion is allowable. Thus, gain or loss will be recognized on such sales or exchanges.

(3) *Cross references.* For effective date of section 341(e)(4) and this paragraph, see paragraph (a)(2) of this section. For an illustration of this paragraph, see example (4) in paragraph (o) of this section.

(h) *Net unrealized appreciation and depreciation defined*—(1) *Net unrealized appreciation.* For purposes of this section, the term "net unrealized appreciation" means, with respect to the assets of a corporation, the amount by which—

(i) The unrealized appreciation in such assets on which there is unrealized appreciation, exceeds

(ii) The unrealized depreciation in such assets on which there is unrealized depreciation.

(2) *Net unrealized depreciation.* For purposes of paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section, there is net unrealized depreciation on all property of a corporation which in its hands is property described in section 1231(b) (without regard to any holding period prescribed therein) if—

(i) The unrealized depreciation in such property on which there is unrealized depreciation, exceeds

(ii) The unrealized appreciation in such property on which there is unrealized appreciation.

(3) *Unrealized appreciation or depreciation.* For purposes of this paragraph—

(i) The term "unrealized appreciation" means (except as provided in subparagraph (4) of this paragraph), with respect to any asset, the amount by which (*a*) the fair market value of such asset, exceeds (*b*) the adjusted basis for determining gain from the sale or other disposition of such asset; and

(ii) The term "unrealized depreciation" means, with respect to any asset, the amount by which (*a*) the adjusted basis for determining gain from the sale or other disposition of such asset, exceeds (*b*) the fair market value of such asset.

(4) *Special rule.* For purposes of determining whether the net unrealized appreciation in subsection (e) assets of a corporation exceeds an amount equal to 15 percent of the corporation's net worth under the tests of section 341(e) (1), (2), (3), and (4), in the case of any asset on the sale or exchange of which only a portion of the gain would under any provision of chapter 1 of the Code (other than section 617(d), 1245, 1250, 1251, or 1252) be considered as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is neither a capital asset nor property described in section 1231(b), there shall be taken into account only an amount equal to the unrealized appreciation in such asset which is equal to such portion of the gain. This subparagraph shall have no effect on whether paragraph (b)(2) (ii) or (iii) of this section applies for purposes of identifying the subsection (e) assets of the corporation.

(i) [Reserved]

(j) *Net worth defined.* For purposes of this section, the net worth of a corporation, as of any day, is the amount by which—

(1) The fair market value of all its assets at the close of such day, plus the amount of any distribution (taken into account at fair market value on the date of such distribution) in complete liquidation made by it on or before such day, exceeds

(2) All its liabilities at the close of such day.

In computing the fair market value of all the assets of a corporation at the close of such day, there shall be excluded any amount attributable to money or property received by it during the one-year period ending on such day for stock, or as a contribution to capital or as paid-in surplus, if it appears that there was not a bona fide business purpose for the transaction in respect of which such money or property was received.

(k) *Related person defined*—(1) *General.* For purposes of paragraphs (c)(5) and (g)(2) of this section, the following persons are considered to be related to a shareholder:

(i) If the shareholder is an individual—

(*a*) His spouse, ancestors, and lineal descendants, and

(*b*) Any corporation which is controlled by him.

(ii) If the shareholder is a corporation—

(*a*) A corporation which controls, or is controlled by, such shareholder, and

(*b*) If more than 50 percent in value of the outstanding stock of such shareholder is owned by any person, any corporation more than 50 percent in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned by the same person.

(2) *Control.* For purposes of this paragraph, control means the ownership of stock possessing at least 50 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote or at least 50 percent of the total value of shares of all classes of stock of the corporation.

(3) *Constructive ownership rules.* In determining the ownership of stock for purposes of this paragraph, the constructive ownership rules of section 267(c) shall apply, except that the family of an individual shall include only his spouse, ancestors, and lineal descendants.

(l) [Reserved]

(m) *Corporations and shareholders not meeting requirements.* In determining whether the provisions of section 341 (a) through (d) apply with respect to any corporation, the fact that such corporation, or such corporation with respect to any of its shareholders, does not meet the requirements of section 341(e) (1), (2), (3), or (4) shall not be taken into account, and such determination shall be made as if section 341(e) had not been enacted.

(n) *Determinations without regard to sections 617(d), 1245, 1250, 1251, and 1252.* For purposes of this section, the determination of whether gain from the sale or exchange of property would under any provision of chapter 1 of the Code be considered as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is neither a capital asset nor property described in section 1231(b) shall be made without regard to the application of sections 617(d)(1) (relating to gain from dispositions of certain mining property), 1245(a) and 1250(a) (relating to gain from dispositions of certain depreciable property), 1251(c) (relating to gain from the disposition of farm property where farm losses offset nonfarm income), and 1252(a) (relating to gain from disposition of farm land).

(o) *Illustrations.* The operation of section 341(e) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). (i) The outstanding stock of X Corporation is actually owned, on the basis of value, 75 percent by A, 15 percent by B, and 10 percent by C. None of the stock actually owned by one is attributed to another under the constructive ownership rules of paragraph (a)(3) of this section. The corporation owns no property which, in its hands, is property gain from the sale or exchange of which would be considered (without regard to section 617(d), 1245 or 1250, 1251, or 1252) as gain from the sale or exchange of property which is neither a capital asset nor property described in section 1231(b). The corporation owns no property described in section 1231(b) except an apartment house on which the unrealized appreciation is $20,000 and which in the hands of A would be property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business. The corporation owns no property of the type described in clause (iv) of section 341(e)(5)(A). The net worth of the corporation is $100,000.

(ii) Although the apartment house in the hands of the corporation is section 1231(b) property, in the hands of A, a more-than-20-percent shareholder, the apartment house would be ordinary-income type property. Therefore, the apartment house is a subsection (e) asset under clause (iii) of section 341(e)(5)(A). Accordingly, since the net unrealized appreciation in subsection (e) assets ($20,000) exceeds 15 percent of net worth ($15,000), the general corporate test is not satisfied and section 341(e) is unavailable to the corporation or its shareholders.

Example (2). (i) Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that in the hands of B, but not in the hands of A or C, the apartment house would be property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business.

(ii) Since B does not own more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock, the fact that the apartment house owned by the corporation would, in his hands, be property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business does not make the apartment house owned by the corporation a subsection (e) asset. Therefore, since the net unrealized appreciation in subsection (e) assets (zero) does not exceed 15 percent of net worth, the general corporate test is satisfied. C may sell his stock to anyone (other than X Corporation) and will qualify under section 341(e)(1). However, a sale by A of his stock to persons related to A within the meaning of paragraph (k) of this section will not so qualify.

(iii) B, however, since he owns more than 5 percent but not more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock, must take into account not only the net unrealized appreciation in subsection (e) assets but also the net unrealized appreciation in any other assets of the corporation which would be subsection (e) assets under section 341(e)(5)(A) if he owned more than 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock. Therefore, since the apartment house owned by the corporation would be, in B's hands, property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business, and since the net unrealized appreciation in such property ($20,000) exceeds 15 percent of net worth ($15,000), B does not satisfy the specific shareholder test and therefore cannot avail himself of section 341(e)(1).

Example (3). (i) Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that in the hands of B, but not in the hands of A or C, the apartment house of the corporation would be property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business. Assume further that the shareholders of X Corporation wish to avail themselves of section 333.

(ii) For purposes of section 341(e)(3), section 341(e)(5)(A)(iii) applies in respect of any shareholder who owns more than 5 percent (instead of more than 20 percent) in value of the outstanding stock. Since in the hands of B, a more-than-5-percent shareholder, the apartment house would be held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business, the corporation's apartment house is a subsection (e) asset. Therefore, since the net unrealized appreciation in subsection (e) assets ($20,000) exceeds 15 percent of net worth ($15,000), no shareholder of the corporation may qualify under section 341(e)(3) for use of section 333. However, if B were not a more-than-5-percent shareholder of the corporation, or if, in his hands, the apartment house would not be held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business, then all shareholders of the corporation could qualify under section 341(e)(3) for use of section 333 since the apartment house would not be a subsection (e) asset.

Example (4). (i) Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that in the hands of no shareholder of the corporation would the apartment house be deemed property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business (such determination, however, having been made without regard to A's ownership of stock of related corporations). Assume further that (*a*) X Corporation adopts a plan of complete liquidation, (*b*) within the 12-month period beginning on the date of such adoption X Corporation sells substantially all the property held by it on such date and distributes all its assets in complete liquidation, (*c*) following the adoption of such plan, no distribution is made of any property which in the hands of the corporation or in the hands of the distributee is property in respect of which a deduction for exhaustion, wear and tear, obsolescence, amortization, or depletion is allowable, and (*d*) following the adoption of such plan no property is sold or exchanged to A, to a constructive owner of A's stock, or to a person "related" (within the meaning of paragraph (k) of this section) to A or such constructive owner.

(ii) Since, under the above-stated facts, the requirements of section 341(e)(4) are satisfied, section 337(a) will apply to sales or exchanges of property by the corporation within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the adoption of the plan of liquidation.

(iii) Any distribution in complete liquidation to B and C, who own 15 and 10 percent, respectively, in value of the outstanding stock, will qualify under section 341(e)(2) because (*a*) by reason of the application of section 341(e)(4), section 337(a) applies to sales or exchanges of property by the corporation, and (*b*) at all times within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the adoption of the plan of complete liquidation the general corporate test is satisfied and B and C each satisfy the specific shareholder test of paragraph (e)(1)(iii) (*a*) of this section.

(iv) Any distribution in complete liquidation to A, who owns 75 percent in value of the outstanding stock, will qualify under section 341(e)(2) if, at all times within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the adoption of the plan of complete liquidation, and after taking into account A's ownership of stock in related corporations in the manner prescribed in paragraph (d) of this section, A satisfies the specific shareholder test of paragraph (e)(1)(iii) (*b*) of this section.

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§ 1.341-7 Certain sales of stock of consenting corporations.

(a) *In general.*—(1) Under section 341(f)(1), if a corporation consents (in the manner provided in paragraph (b) of this section) to the application of section 341(f)(2) with respect to dispositions by it of its subsection (f) assets (as defined in paragraph (g) of this section), then section 341(a)(1) does not apply to any sales of stock of such consenting corporation (other than sale to such corporation) made by any of its shareholders within the 6-month period beginning on the date on which such consent is filed.

(2) For purposes of section 341(f)(1) and (5)—(i) The term "sale" means a sale of exchange of stock at a gain, but only if such gain would be recognized as long-term capital gain were section 341 not a part of the Code. Thus, a sale or exchange of stock is not a "sale" within the meaning of section 341(f)(1) and (5) if there is no gain on the transaction, or if the sale or exchange gives rise to ordinary income under a provision of the Code other than section 341, or if gain on the transaction is not recognized under any provisions of subtitle A of the Code.

(ii) A sale of stock in a corporation does not include any disposition of such stock by a shareholder, if, by reason of section 341(d)(1), section 341(a) could not have applied to that disposition. (Under section 341(d)(1), section 341(a) does not apply except to more than 5-percent shareholders.) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section, the term "sale" included a disposition of stock in a corporation by a more-than-5-percent shareholders described in section 341(d)(1), even though section 341(d)(1), even though section 341(a) did not apply to the dispostion because the corporation was not collapsible or by reason of the application of section 341(d)(2), (3), or (e).

(3) A corporation which consents to the application of section 341(f)(2) does not thereby become noncollapsible, and the fact that a corporation consents to the application of section 341(f)(2) does not affect the determi-

nation as to whether it is a collapsible corporation.

(4) For limitation on the application of section 341(f)(1) see section 341(f)(5) and (6) and paragraphs (h) and (j) of this section.

(b) *Statement of consent*—(1) The consent of a corporation referred to in paragraph (a)(1) or (j)(1) of this section shall be given by means of a statement, signed by any officer who is duly authorized to act on behalf of the consenting corporation stating that the corporation consents to have the provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply to any disposition by it of its subsection (f) assets. The statement shall be filed with the district director having jurisdiction over the income tax return of the consenting corporation for the taxable year during which the statement is filed.

(2)(i) The statement shall contain the name, address, and employer identification number of any corporation 5 percent or more in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned directly by the consenting corporation, and of any other corporation connected to the consenting corporation through a chain of stock ownership described in paragraph (j)(4) of this section. The statement shall also indicate where such 5-percent-or-more corporation (or such "connected" corporation) has consented within the 6-month period ending on the date on which the statement filed to the application of section 341 (f)(2) with respect to any dispositions of its subsection (f) assets (see paragraph (j) of this section), and, if so, the district director with whom such consent was filed and the date on which such consent was filed.

(ii) If, during the 6-month period beginning on the date on which the statement is filed, the consenting corporation becomes the owner of 5 percent or more in value of the outstanding stock of another corporation or becomes connected to another corporation through a chain of stock ownership described in paragraph (j)(4) of this section, then the consenting corporation shall, within 5 days after such occurance, notify the district director with whom it filed the statement of the name, address and employer identification numbger of such corporation.

(3) A consent under section 341(f)(1) may be filed at any time and there is no limit as to the number of such consents that may be filed. If a consent is filed by a corporation under section 341(f)(1) and if a shareholder sells stock (i) in such corporation, or (ii) in another corporation a sale of whose stock is treated under section 341(f)(6) as a sale of stock in such corporation, at any time during the applicable 6-month period, then the consent cannot thereafter be revoked or withdrawn by the corporation. However, a consent may be revoked or withdrawn at any time prior to a sale during the applicable 6-month period. If no sale is make during such period, the consent will have no effect on the corporation. See paragraph (g) of this section.

(c) *Consenting corporation.*—(1) A consenting corporation at the time that is filed a consent under section 341(f)(10 shal notify its shareholders that such consent is being filed. In addition, the consenting corporation shall, at the request of any shareholder, promptly supply the shareholder with a copy of the consent.

(2) A consenting corporation shall maintain records adequate to permit identification of its subsection (F) assets.

(d) *Shareholders of consenting corporation.*—(1) A shareholder who sells stock in a consenting corporation within the 6-month period beginning on the date on which the consent is filed shall—

(i) Notify the corporation, within 5 days after such sale, of the date on which such sale is made, and

(ii) Attach a copy of the corporation's consent to the shareholder's income tax return for the taxable year in which the sale is made.

(2) If the sale of stock in a consenting corporation is treated under section 341(f)(6) as the sale of stock in any other corporation, the consenting corporation shall notify such other corporation, within 5 days after receiving notification of a sale of its stock, of the date on which such sale was made.

(e) *Recognition of gain under section 341(f)(2).*—(1) Under section

341(f)(2), if a subsection (f) asset (as defined in paragraph (g) of this section) is disposed of any time by a consenting corporation, then, except as provided in section 341(f)(3) and paragraph (f) of this section, the amount by which—

(i) The amount realized (in the case of a sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion), or

(ii) The fair market value of such asset (in the case of any other disposition), exceeds the adjusted base of such asset is treated as gain from the sale of exchange of such asset. Such gain is recognized notwithstanding any contrary non-recognition provisions of subtitle A of the Code, but only to the extent such gain is not recognized under any other provisions of subtitle A of the Code (for example, section 1245 (a)(1) or 1250(a)). Gain recognized under section 341(f)(2) with respect to a disposition of a subsection (f) asset has the same character (i.e., ordinary income or capital gain) that such gain would have if it arose from a sale of such asset.

(2) The nonrecognition provisions of subtitle A of the Code which section 341(f)(2) override include, but are not limited to, sections 311(a), 332(c), 336, 337, 351, 361, 371(a), 374(a), 721, 1031, 1033, 1071, and 1081.

(3) In the case of a foreign corporation which files a statement of consent pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, such statement, in addition to the information required in paragraph (b) of this section, shall also contain a declaration that the corporation consents that any gain upon the disposition of a subsection (f) asset which would otherwise be recognized under section 341(f)(2) will, for purposes of section 882(a)(2), be considered as gross income which is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business which is conducted through a permanent establishment within the United States.

(4) The provisions of subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X, a consenting corporation, distributes a subsection (f) asset to its shareholders in complete or partial liquidation of the corporation. The asset, at the line of the distribution, is held by the corporation primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business and has an adjusted basis of $1,000 and a fair market value of $2,000. Under section 341(f)(2), the excess of the fair market value of the asset over its adjusted basis, or $1,000 is treated as ordinary income. Assuming the gain is not recognized by corporation X under another provision of the Code, corporation X recognizes the $1,000 gain as ordinary income under section 341(f)(2) even though, in the absence of section 341(f)(2), section 336 would preclude the recognition of such gain.

Example (2). Corporation Y, a consenting corporation, distributes a subsection (f) asset to its shareholders as a dividend. The asset at the time of the distribution is property described in section 1231 and has an adjusted basis, of $6,000 and a fair market value of $8,000. Assuming that no other section of the Code would require recognition of gain, under section 341(f)(2) the excess of the fair market value of the asset over its adjusted basis, or $2,000, is recognized by corporation Y as gain from the sale or exchange of property described in section 1231 even though, in the absence of section 341(f)(2), section 311(a) would preclude the recognition of such gain.

Example (3). Assume the same facts as in example (2) except that the subsection (f) asset is section 1245 property having a "recomputed basis" (as defined in section 1245(a)(2)) or $7,200. Since the recomputed basis of the asset is lower than its fair market value, the excess of the recomputed basis over the adjusted basis, or $1,200, is recognized as ordinary income under section 1245(a)(1). The remaining amount, or $800, is recognized under section 341(f)(2) as gain from the sale or exchange or property described in section 1231.

(5) The provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply whether or not (i) on the date on which a consent is filed or at any time thereafter, the consenting corporation was in fact a collapsible corporation within the meaning of section 341(b), or (ii) on the date of any sale of stock of the consenting corporation, the purchaser of such stock was aware that a consent had been filed under section 341(f)(1) within the 6-month period ending on the date of such sale.

(6) Section 341(f)(2) does not apply to losses. Thus, section 341(f)(2) does not apply if a loss is realized upon a sale, exahnger or involuntary conversion of a subsection (f) asset nor does the section appy to a disposition other than by way of sale, exchange, or in-

voluntary conversion if at the time of the disposition the fair market value of such property is not greater than its adjusted basis.

(7) For purposes of this paragraph, the term "disposition" includes an abandonment or retirement, a gift, a sale in a sale-and-leasback transaction, and a transfer upon the foreclosure of a security interest. Such term, however, does not include a mere transfer of title to a creditor upon creation of a security interest or to a debtor upon termination of a security interest. Thus, for example, a disposition occurs upon a sale of property prusuant to a conditional sales contract even though the seller retains legal title to the propoerty for purposes of security, but a disposition does not occur when the seller ultimately gives up his security interest following payment by the purchaser.

(8) The amount of gain required to be recognized by section 341(f)(2) shall be determined separately for each subsection (f) asset disposed of by the corporation. For purposes of applying section 341(f)(2), the facts and circumstances of each disposition shall be considered in determining whether the transactions involves more than one subsection (f) asset or involves both subsection (f) and nonsubsection (f) assets. In appropriate cases, several subsection (f) assets may be treated as a single asset as long as it is reasonably clear, from the best estimates obtainable on the basis of all the facts and circumstances, that the amount of gain required to be recognized by section 341(f)(2) is not less than the total gain under section 341(f)(2) whish would be computed separately for each subsection (f) asset.

(9) In the case of a sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion of a subsection (f) asset and a nonsubsection (f) asset in one transaction, the total amount realized upon the disposition shall be allocated between the subsection (f) asset any arm's length agreement between the buyer and the seller will establish the allocation. In the absence of such an agreement, the allocation shall be made by taking into account the appropriate facts and circumstances. Some of the facts and circumstances which shall be taken into account to the extent appropriate included, but are not limited to, a comparision between the subsection (f) asset and all property disposed of in such transaction of (i) the original costs and reproduction costs of construction, erection, or production, (ii) the remaining economic useful life, (ii) state of obsolencence, and (iv) anticipated expenditures to maintain, renovate, or modernize.

(10) See paragraph (c)(1) of § 1.1502-14 for the deferall of gain recognized upon a distribution other than in complete liquidation made by one member of a group which files a consolidated return to another such members.

(f) *Exception for certain tax-free transactions.*—(1) Under section 341(f)(3), no gain is taken into account under section 341(f)(2) by a transferor corporation on the transfer of a subsection (f) asset to another corporation (other than a corporation exempt from tax imposed by chapter 1 of the Code) if—

(i) The basis of such asset in the hands of the transferee corporation is determined by reference to its basis in the hands of the transferor by reason of the application of section 332 (relating to distributions in liquidation of an 80-percent-or-more controlled subsidairy corporation), section 351 (relating to transfers to a corporation controlled by the transferor), section 361 (relating to exchanges pursuant to certain reorganizations), section 371(a) (relating to exchanges pursuant to certain receivership and bankruptcy proceedings), or section 374 (a) (relating to exchanges pursuant to certain railroad reorganizations), and

(ii) The transferee corporation agrees (as provided in subparagraph (3) of this paragraph) to have the provisiions of section 341(f)(2) apply to any disposition by it of such asset.

(2) The provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation M. in exchange for its voting stock worth $20,000 and $1,000 in cash, acquires the entire property of corporation N (an unencumbered apartment building) in a transaction which is described in section 368(a)(2)(B) and which, therefore, qualifies as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(C). The apartment building, which in the hands of corporation N. a consenting corporation, is a subsection (f) asset, has an adjusted basis of $15,000 and a fair market value of $21,000. The basis of the apartment house in the hands of corporation M is determined by reference to its basis in the hands of corporation N by reason of the application of section 361. Thus, under section 341(f)(3), if corporation M agrees to have the provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply to any disposition by it of the apartment house, then corporation N will recognize no gain under section 341(f)(2) but will recognize $1,000 gain under section 361(b) (assuming the cash it receives is not distributed in pursuance of the plan of reorganization). However, if corporation M does not so agree, the gain recognized by corporation N will be $6,000, that is, the gain of $1,000 recognized under section 361(b) plus $5,000 gain recognized under section 341(f)(2). In either case, if section 1245, 1250, or 1251 applies, some or all of the gain may be recognized under sections in lieu of sections 341(f)(2) and 361(b).

Example (2). Corporation Y, a consenting corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of corporation X. In the complete liquidation of Y it distributes to X a subsection (f) asset which is section 1245 property. The asset at the time of the distribution has an adjusted basis of $10,000, a recomputed basis of $14,000, and a fair market value of $10,000. The basis of the asset in the hands of X is determined by reference to its basis in the hands of corporation Y by reason of the application of section 332. Thus, under section 341(f)(3), if corporation X agrees to have the provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply to any disposition by it of the subsection (f) asset, then Y will recognize no gain under section 341(f)(2) and will recognize no gain under section 1245(a)(1) by reason of the application of section 1245(b)(3). Under section 334(b)(1), the basis of the subsection (f) asset to corporation X will be the same as it would be in the hands of Y, or $10,000. However, if corporation X does not so agree, then under section 341(f)(2) $6,000 (the excess of the fair market value of the asset over its adjusted basis) will be treated as gain from the sale or exchange of the asset. Moreover, under section 1245(a)(1) $4,000 (the excess of the recomputed basis over the adjusted basis) of the $6,000 will be recognized as ordinary income. The basis of the asset to corporation X is $16,000, i.e., the same as it would be in the hands of Y ($10,000) increased in the amount of gain recognized by Y on the distribution ($6,000).

(3) The agreement of a transferee corporation referred to in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall be filed, on or before the date on which the subsection (f) assets are transferred, with the district director having jurisdiction over its income tax return for the taxable year during which the transfer is to be made. The agreement shall be signed by any officer who is duly authorized to act on behalf of the transferee corporation (if the transaxtion is one to which section 371(a) or 374(a) applies, the fiduciary for the transferee corporation, in appropriate cases, may sign the agreement) and shall apply to all the subsection (f) assets to be transferred pursuant to the applicable transaction described in section 341(f)(3). The agreement shall identify the transaction by which the subsection (f) assets will be acquired, including the names, addresses, and employer identification numbers of the transferor and transferee corporations, and shall contain a schedule of the subsection (f) assets to be acquired. The agreement shall also state that the transferee corporation (i) agrees to have the provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply to any disposition by it of the subsection (f) assets acquired, and (ii) agrees to maintain records adequate to permit identification of such subsection (f) assets.

(4) The transferor corporation shall attach a copy of the agreement to its income tax return for the taxable year in which the subsection (f) assets are transferred.

(g) *Subsection (f) asset defined.*—(1) Under section 341(f)(4), a subsection (f) asset is any property which, as of the date of any sale of stock to which paragraph (a) or (j)(3) of this section applies, is not a capital asset and is property owned by, or subject to a binding contract or an option to acquire held by, the consenting corporation. Land or any interest in real property (other than a security interest) is treated as property which is not a capital asset. Also, unrealized receivables or fees (as defined in section 341(b)(4)) are treated as property which are not capital assets.

(2) If, with respect to any property described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, manufacture, construction, or production has been commenced by either the consenting corporation or another person before any date of sale of stock described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, a consenting corpo-

ration's subsection (f) assets include any property resulting from such manufacture, construction, or production. Thus, for example, if, on the date of any sale of stock within the 6-month period, manufacture, construction, or production has been commended on a tract of land to be used for residential housing or on a television series, the term "subsection (f) asset" includes the residential homes of the television tapes resulting from such manufacture, construction, or production by the consenting corporation (or by a transferee corporation which has agreed to the application of section 341(f)(2)). If land or any interest in real property (other than a security interest) is owned or held under an option by the consenting corporation on the date of any sale of stock described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, the term "subsection (f) asset" includes any improvements resulting from construction with respect to such property (by the consenting corporation or by a transferee corporation which has agreed to the application of section 341(f)(2)) if such construction is commenced within 2 years after the date of any such sale. The property or improvements resulting from any manufacture, construction, or production is a question to be determined on the basis of the particular facts and circumstances of each individual case. Thus, for example, a building which is a part of an integrated project is a subsection (f) asset if construction of the project commenced before the date of sale or within 2 years thereafter even if construction of the building commenced more than 2 years thereafter. Similarly a television tape which is part of a series is a subsection (i) asset if production of the series was commenced on the date of sale even if production of the tape commenced after the sale.

(3) The provisions of subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X files a consent to the application of section 341(f)(2) on January 1, 1985. Shareholder A owns 100 percent of the outstanding stock of the consenting corporation on January 1, 1965, and sells 5 percent of the stock on January 2, 1965, 10 percent on February 10, 1963, and 1 percent on May 1, 1965. No other sales of X stock were made during the 6-month period beginning on January 1, 1965. On such date X owns an apartment building and on March 1 X purchases an office building. X's subsection (f) assets include the apartment building owned on January 1 and the office building purchased on March 1.

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in example (1) except that on January 1, 1965, X also owns a tract of raw land. On April 1, 1965, construction of a residential housing project is commenced on the tract of land. Corporation X's subsection (i) assets will include the tract of land plus the resulting improvements to the land. This result would not be changed if construction of the residential housing project were not commenced until July 1, 1966, since the construction would have been commenced within 2 years after May 1, 1965.

Example (3). Corporation X files a consent to the application of section 341(f)(2) on January 1, 1965. Shareholder B owns 100 percent of the outstanding stock of the consenting corporation on January 1, 1965, and sells 10 percent of the stock on June 1, 1965. On April 1, 1965, Y acquires an option to purchase a motion picture when completed. On May 1, 1965, production is started on the motion picture. On February 1, 1967, production is completed, and Y exercises its option. Y holds the option and the motion picture for use in its trade or business. Y's subsection (f) assets initially include the option and ultimately include the motion picture. However the exercise of the option is not a disposition of the option within the meaning of section 341(f)(2).

(h) *Five-year limitation as to shareholder.* Under section 341(f)(5), section 341(f)(1) does not apply to the sale of stock of a consenting corporation if, during the 5-year period ending on the date of such sale, such shareholder (or any person related to such shareholder within the meaning of section 341(e)(8)(A)) made a sale (as defined in paragraph (a)(2) of this section) of any stock of another consenting corporation within any 6-month period beginning on a date on which a consent was filed under section 341(f)(1) by such other corporation. Section 341(f)(5) does not prevent a shareholder of a consenting corporation from receiving the benefit of section 341(f)(1) on the sale of additional shares of the stock of the same consenting corporation.

(i) [Reserved]

(j) *Special rule for stock ownership in other corporations.*—(1) Section

341(f)(6) provides a special rule applicable to a consenting corporation which owns 5 percent or more in value of the outstanding stock of another corporation. In such a case, a consent filed by the consenting corporation shall not be valid with respect to a sale of its stock during the applicable 6-month period unless each corporation, 5 percent or more in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned by the consenting corporation on the date of such sale, file (within the 6-month period ending on the date of such sale) a valid consent under section 341(f)(1) with respect to sales of its own stock.

(2) The provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example: Corporation X files a consent under section 341(f)(1) on November 1, 1965. On January 1, 1966, the date on which a shareholder of corporation X sells stock of X. X owns 80 percent in value of the outstanding stock of corporation Y. In order for the consent filed by corporation X to be valid with respect to the sale of its stock on January 1, 1966, corporation Y must have filed, during the 6-month period ending on January 1, 1966, a valid consent under section 341(f)(1) with respect to sales of its stock.

(3) For purposes of applying section 341(f)(4) (relating to the definition of a subsection (f) asset) to a corporation 5 percent or more in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned by the consenting corporation, a sale of stock of the consenting corporation to which section 341(f)(1) applies shall be treated as a sale of stock of such other corporation. Thus, in the example in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the subsection (f) assets of corporation Y would include property described in section 341(f)(4) owned by or held under an option by corporation Y on January 1, 1966.

(4) In the case of a chain of corporations connected by the 5-percent ownership requirement described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, rules similar to the rules described in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph shall apply. Thus, in the example in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, if corporation Y owned 5 percent or more of the stock of corporation Z on January 1, 1966, then Z must have filed a valid consent during the 6-month period ending January 1, 1966, in order for the consent filed by X to be valid with respect to the sale of its stock on January 1, 1966. In such case any of stock of either X or Y is treated as a sale of stock of Z for purposes of applying section 341(f)(4) to Z.

(5) If a corporation is a member of an affiliated group (as defined in section 1504(a)) that files a consolidated return, a corporation will be considered to have filed a consent if a consent is filed on its behalf by the common parent under § 1.1502-77(a).

(k) *Effective date.* Paragraphs (b), (c), (e)(3), and (f)(3) of this section apply only with respect to statements and notifications filed more than 30 days after July 6, 1977. Paragraph (d) applies only with respect to sales of stock made more than 30 days after July 6, 1977. All other provisions of this section appy with respect to transactions after August 22, 1964.

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§ 1.342-1 General.

The determination of whether a foreign corporation was a foreign personal holding company with respect to a taxable year beginning on or before, and ending after August 26, 1937, shall be made under section 331 of the Revenue Act of 1936 (50 Stat. 818) and the regulations thereunder. For the purpose of section 342(a), a liquidation may be completed before the actual dissolution of the liquidating corporation. However, no liquidation shall be considered as completed until the liquidating corporation and the receiver (or trustees in liquidation) are finally divested of all the property, whether tangible or intangible.

DEFINITION

§ 1.346-1 Partial liquidation.

(a) *General.* This section defines a partial liquidation. If amounts are distributed in partial liquidation such amounts are treated under section 331(a)(2) as received in part or full payment in exchange for the stock. A distribution is treated as in partial liquidation of a corporation if:

(1) The distribution is one of a series of distributions in redemption of all of the stock of the corporation pursuant to a plan of complete liquidation, or

(2) The distribution:

(i) Is not essentially equivalent to a dividend,

(ii) Is in redemption of a part of the stock of the corporation pursuant to a plan, and

(iii) Occurs within the taxable year in which the plan is adopted or within the succeeding taxable year.

An example of a distribution which will qualify as a partial liquidation under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph and section 346(a) is a distribution resulting from a genuine contraction of the corporate business such as the distribution of unused insurance proceeds recovered as a result of a fire which destroyed part of the business causing a cessation of a part of its activities. On the other hand, the distribution of funds attributable to a reserve for an expansion program which has been abandoned does not qualify as a partial liquidation within the meaning of section 346(a). A distribution to which section 355 applies (or so much of section 356 as relates to section 355) is not a distribution in partial liquidation within the meaning of section 346(a).

(b) *Special requirements on termination of business.* A distribution which occurs within the taxable year in which the plan is adopted or within the succeeding taxable year and which meets the requirements of subsection (b) of section 346 falls within paragraph (a)(2) of this section and within section 346(a)(2). The requirements which a distribution must meet to fall within subsection (b) of section 346 are:

(1) Such distribution is attributable to the corporation's ceasing to conduct, or consists of assets of, a trade or business which has been actively conducted throughout the five-year period immediately before the distribution, which trade or business was not acquired by the corporation within such period in a transaction in which gain or loss was recognized in whole or in part, and

(2) Immediately after such distribution by the corporation it is actively engaged in the conduct of a trade or business, which trade or business was actively conducted throughout the five-year period ending on the date of such distribution and was not acquired by the corporation within such period in a transaction in which gain or loss was recognized in whole or in part.

A distribution shall be treated as having been made in partial liquidation pursuant to section 346(b) if it consists of the proceeds of the sale of the assets of a trade or business which has been actively conducted for the five-year period and has been terminated, or if it is a distribution in kind of the assets of such a business, or if it is a distribution in kind of some of the assets of such a business and of the proceeds of the sale of the remainder of the assets of such a business. In general, a distribution which will qualify under section 346(b) may consist of, but is not limited to:

(i) Assets (other than inventory or property described in subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph) used in the trade or business throughout the five-year period immediately before the distribution (for this purpose an asset shall be considered used in the trade or business during the period of time the asset which it replaced was so used), or

(ii) Proceeds from the sale of assets described in subdivision (i) of this subparagraph, and, in addition,

(iii) The inventory of such trade or business or property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business, if:

(*a*) The items constituting such inventory or such property were substantially similar to the items constituting such inventory or property during the five-year period immediately before the distribution, and

(*b*) The quantity of such items on the date of distribution was not substantially in excess of the quantity of similar items regularly on hand in the conduct of such business during such five-year period, or

(iv) Proceeds from the sale of inventory or property described in subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph, if such inventory or property is sold in bulk in the course of termination of such trade or business and if with respect to such inventory the conditions of subdivision (iii) (*a*) and (*b*) of this subparagraph would have been met had such inventory or property been distributed on the date of such sale.

(c) *Active conduct of a trade or business.* For the purpose of section 346(b)(1), a corporation shall be deemed to have actively conducted a trade or business immediately before the distribution, if:

(1) In the case of a business the assets of which have been distributed in kind, the business was operated by such corporation until the date of distribution, or

(2) In the case of a business the proceeds of the sale of the assets of which are distributed, such business was actively conducted until the date of sale and the proceeds of such sale were distributed as soon thereafter as reasonably possible.

The term "active conduct of a trade or business" shall have the same meaning in this section as in paragraph (c) of § 1.355-1.

§ 1.346-2 Treatment of certain redemptions.

If a distribution in a redemption of stock qualifies as a distribution in part or full payment in exchange for the stock under both section 302(a) and this section, then only this section shall be applicable. None of the limitations of section 302 shall be applicable to such redemption.

§ 1.346-3 Effect of certain sales.

The determination of whether assets sold in connection with a partial liquidation are sold by the distributing corporation or by the shareholder is a question of fact to be determined under the facts and circumstances of each case.

CORPORATE ORGANIZATIONS AND REORGANIZATIONS

CORPORATE ORGANIZATIONS

§ 1.351-1 Transfer to corporation controlled by transferor.

(a)(1) Section 351(a) provides, in general, for the nonrecognition of gain or loss upon the transfer by one or more persons of property to a corporation solely in exchange for stock or securities in such corporation, if immediately after the exchange, such person or persons are in control of the corporation to which the property was transferred. As used in section 351, the phrase "one or more persons" includes individuals, trusts, estates, partnerships, associations, companies, or corporations (see section 7701(a)(1)). To be in control of the transferee corporation, such person or persons must own immediately after the transfer stock possessing at least 80 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and at least 80 percent of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock of such corporation (see section 368(c)). In determining control under this section, the fact that any corporate transferor distributes part or all of the stock which it receives in the exchange to its shareholders shall not be taken into account. The phrase "immediately after the exchange" does not necessarily require simultaneous exchanges by two or more persons, but comprehends a situation where the rights of the parties have been previously defined and the execution of the agreement proceeds with an expedition consistent with orderly procedure. For purposes of this section—

(i) Stock or securities issued for services rendered or to be rendered to or for the benefit of the issuing corporation will not be treated as having been issued in return for property, and

(ii) Stock or securities issued for property which is of relatively small value in comparison to the value of the stock and securities already owned (or to be received for services) by the person who transferred such property, shall not be treated as having been issued in return for property if the primary purpose of the transfer is to qualify under this section the exchanges of property by other persons transferring property.

For the purpose of section 351, stock rights or stock warrants are not included in the term "stock or securities."

(2) The application of section 351(a) is illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). C owns a patent right worth $25,000 and D owns a manufacturing plant worth $75,000. C and D organize the R Corporation with an authorized capital stock of $100,000. C transfers his patent right to the R Corporation for $25,000 of its stock and D transfers his plant to the new corporation for $75,000 of its stock. No gain or loss to C or D is recognized.

Example (2). B owns certain real estate which cost him $50,000 in 1930, but which has a fair market value of $200,000 in 1955. He transfers the property to the N Corporation in 1955 for 78 percent of each class of stock of the corporation having a fair market value of $200,000, the remaining 22 percent of the stock of the corporation having been issued by the corporation in 1940 to other persons for cash. B realized a taxable gain of $150,000 on this transaction.

Example (3). E, an individual, owns property with a basis of $10,000 but which has a fair market value of $18,000. E also had rendered services valued at $2,000 to Corporation F. Corporation F has outstanding 100 shares of common stock all of which are held by G. Corporation F issues 400 shares of its common stock (having a fair market value of $20,000) to E in exchange for his property worth $18,000 and in compensation for the services he has rendered worth $2,000. Since immediately after the transaction, E owns 80 percent of the outstanding stock of Corporation F, no gain is recognized upon the exchange of the property for the stock. However, E realized $2,000 of ordinary income as compensation for services rendered to Corporation F.

(b) (1) Where property is transferred to a corporation by two or more persons in exchange for stock or securities, as described in paragraph (a) of this section, it is not required that the stock and securities received by each be substantially in proportion to his interest in the property immediately prior to the transfer. However, where the stock and securities received are received in disproportion to such interest, the entire transaction will be given tax effect in accordance with its true nature, and in appropriate cases the transaction may be treated as if the stock and securities had first been received in proportion and then some of such stock and securities had been used to make gifts (section 2501 and following), to pay compensation (section 61(a)(1)), or to satisfy obligations of the transferor of any kind.

(2) The application of paragraph (b)(1) of this section may be illustrated as follows:

Example (1). Individuals A and B, father and son, organize a corporation with 100 shares of common stock to which A transfers property worth $8,000 in exchange for 20 shares of stock, and B transfers property worth $2,000 in exchange for 80 shares of stock. No gain or loss will be recognized under section 351. However, if it is determined that A in fact made a gift to B, such gift will be subject to tax under section 2501 and following. Similarly, if B had rendered services to A (such services having no relation to the assets transferred or to the business of the corporation) and the disproportion in the amount of stock received constituted the payment of compensation by A to B, B will be taxable upon the fair market value of the 60 shares of stock received as compensation for services rendered, and A will realize gain or loss upon the difference between the basis to him of the 60 shares and their fair market value at the time of the exchange.

Example (2). Individuals C and D each transferred, to a newly organized corporation, property having a fair market value of $4,500 in exchange for the issuance by the corporation of 45 shares of its capital stock to each transferor. At the same time, the corporation issued to E, an individual, 10 shares of its capital stock in payment for organizational and promotional services rendered by E for the benefit of the corporation. E transferred no property to the corporation. C and D were under no obligation to pay for E's services. No gain or loss is recognized to C or D. E received compensation taxable as ordinary income to the extent of the fair market value of the 10 shares of stock received by him.

(c) (1) The general rule of section 351 does not apply, and consequently gain or loss will be recognized, where property is transferred to an investment company after June 30, 1967. A transfer of property after June 30, 1967, will be considered to be a transfer to an investment company if—

(i) The transfer results, directly or indirectly, in diversification of the transferors' interests, and

(ii) The transferee is (*a*) a regulated investment company, (*b*) a real estate investment trust, or (*c*) a corporation more than 80 percent of the value of whose assets (excluding cash and nonconvertible debt obligations from consideration) are held for investment and are readily marketable stocks or securities, or interests in regulated investment companies or real estate investment trusts.

(2) The determination of whether a corporation is an investment company shall ordinarily be made by reference to the circumstances in existence immediately after the transfer in question. However, where circumstances change thereafter pursuant to a plan in existence at the time of the transfer, this determination shall be made by reference to the later circumstances.

(3) Stocks and securities will be considered readily marketable if (and only if) they are part of a class of stock or securities which is traded on a securities exchange or traded or quoted regularly in the over-the-counter market. For purposes of subparagraph (1)(ii)(*c*) of this paragraph, the term "readily marketable stocks or securities" includes convertible debentures, convertible preferred stock, warrants, and other stock rights if the stock for which they may be converted or exchanged is readily marketable. Stocks and securities will be considered to be held for investment unless they are (i) held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) used in the trade or business of banking, insurance, brokerage, or a similar trade or business.

(4) In making the determination required under subparagraph (1)(ii)(*c*) of this paragraph, stock and securities in subsidiary corporations shall be disregarded and the parent corporation shall be deemed to own its ratable share of its subsidiaries' assets. A corporation shall be considered a subsidiary if the parent owns 50 percent or more of (i) the combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote, or (ii) the total value of shares of all classes of stock outstanding.

(5) A transfer ordinarily results in the diversification of the transferors' interests if two or more persons transfer nonidentical assets to a corporation in the exchange. For this purpose, if any transaction involves one or more transfers of nonidentical assets which, taken in the aggregate, constitute an insignificant portion of the total value of assets transfered, such transfers shall be disregarded in determining whether diversification has occurred. If there is only one transferor (or two or more transferors of identical assets) to a newly organized corporation, the transfer will generally be treated as not resulting in diversification. If a transfer is part of a plan to achieve diversification without recognition of gain, such as a plan which contemplates a subsequent transfer, however delayed, of the corporate assets (or of the stock or securities received in the earlier exchange) to an investment company in a transaction purporting to qualify for nonrecognition treatment, the original transfer will be treated as resulting in diversification.

(6) The application of subparagraph (5) of this paragraph may be illustrated as follows:

Example (1). Individuals A, B, and C organize a corporation with 101 shares of common stock. A and B each transfers to it $10,000 worth of the only class of stock of corporation X, listed on the New York Stock Exchange, in exchange for 50 shares of stock. C transfers $200 worth of readily marketable securities in corporation Y for one share of stock. In determining whether or not diversification has occurred, C's participation in the transaction will be disregarded. There is, therefore, no diversification, and gain or loss will not be recognized.

Example (2). A, together with 50 other transferors, organizes a corporation with 100 shares of stock. A transfers $10,000 worth of stock in corporation X, listed on the New York Stock Exchange, in exchange for 50 shares of stock. Each of the other 50 transferors transfers $200 worth of readily marketable securities in corporations other than X in exchange for one share of stock. In determining whether or not diversification has occurred, all transfers will be taken into account. Therefore, diversification is present, and gain or loss will be recognized.

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§ 1.351-2 Receipt of property.

(a) If an exchange would be within the provisions of section 351(a) if it were not for the fact that the property received in exchange consists not only of property permitted by such subsection to be received without the recognition of gain, but also of other property or money, then the gain, if any, to the recipient shall be recognized, but in an amount not in excess of the sum of such money and the fair market value of such other property. No loss to the recipient shall be recognized.

(b) See section 357 and the regulations pertaining to that section for applicable rules as to the treatment of liabilities as "other property" in cases subject to section 351, where another party to the exchange assumes a liability, or acquires property subject to a liability.

(c) See sections 358 and 362 and the regulations pertaining to those sections for applicable rules with respect to the determination of the basis of stock, securities, or other property received in exchanges subject to section 351.

(d) See part I (section 301 and following), subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code, and the regulations thereunder for applicable rules with respect to the taxation of dividends where a distribution by a corporation of its stock or securities in connection with an exchange subject to section 351(a) has the effect of the distribution of a taxable dividend.

§ 1.351-3 Records to be kept and information to be filed.

(a) Every person who received the stock or securities of a controlled corporation, or other property as part of the consideration, in exchange for property under section 351, shall file with his income tax return for the taxable year in which the exchange is consummated a complete statement of all facts pertinent to such exchange, including—

(1) A description of the property transferred, or of his interest in such property, together with a statement of the cost or other basis thereof, adjusted to the date of transfer.

(2) With respect to stock of the controlled corporation received in the exchange, a statement of—

(i) The kind of stock and preferences, if any;

(ii) The number of shares of each class received; and

(iii) The fair market value per share of each class at the date of the exchange.

(3) With respect to securities of the controlled corporation received in the exchange, a statement of—

(i) The principal amount and terms; and

(ii) The fair market value at the date of exchange.

(4) The amount of money received, if any.

(5) With respect to other property received—

(i) A complete description of each separate item;

(ii) The fair market value of each separate item at the date of exchanges; and

(iii) In the case of a corporate shareholder, the adjusted basis of the other property in the hands of the controlled corporation immediately before the distribution of such other property to the corporate shareholder in connection with the exchange.

(6) With respect to liabilities of the transferors assumed by the controlled corporation, a statement of—

(i) The nature of the liabilities;

(ii) When and under what circumstances created;

(iii) The corporate business reason for assumption by the controlled corporation; and

(iv) Whether such assumption eliminates the transferor's primary liability.

(b) Every such controlled corporation shall file with its income tax return for the taxable year in which the exchange is consummated—

(1) A complete description of all the property received from the transferors.

(2) A statement of the cost or other basis thereof in the hands of the transferors adjusted to the date of transfer.

(3) The following information with respect to the capital stock of the controlled corporation—

(i) The total issued and outstanding capital stock immediately prior to and immediately after the exchange, with a complete description of each class of stock;

(ii) The classes of stock and number of shares issued to each transferor in the exchange, and the number of shares of each class of stock owned by each transferor immediately prior to and immediately after the exchange, and

(iii) The fair market value of the capital stock as of the date of exchange which was issued to each transferor.

(4) The following information with respect to securities of the controlled corporation—

(i) The principal amount and terms of all securities outstanding immediately prior to and immediately after the exchange,

(ii) The principal amount and terms of securities issued to each transferor in the exchange, with a statement showing each transferor's holdings of securities of the controlled corporation immediately prior to and immediately after the exchange,

(iii) The fair market value of the securities issued to the transferors on the date of the exchange, and

(iv) A statement as to whether the securities issued in the exchange are subordinated in any way to other claims against the controlled corporation.

(5) The amount of money, if any, which passed to each of the transferors in connection with the transaction.

(6) With respect to other property which passed to each transferor—

(i) A complete description of each separate item;

(ii) The fair market value of each separate item at the date of exchange, and

(iii) In the case of a corporate transferor, the adjusted basis of each separate item in the hands of the controlled corporation immediately before the distribution of such other property to the corporate transferor in connection with the exchange.

(7) The following information as to the transferor's liabilities assumed by the controlled corporation in the exchange—

(i) The amount and a description thereof,

(ii) When and under what circumstances created, and

(iii) The corporate business reason or reasons for assumption by the controlled corporation.

(c) Permanent records in substantial form shall be kept by every taxpayer who participates in the type of exchange described in section 351, showing the information listed above, in order to facilitate the determination of gain or loss from a subsequent disposition of stock or securities and other property, if any, received in the exchange.

EFFECTS ON SHAREHOLDERS AND SECURITY HOLDERS

§ 1.354-1 Exchanges of stock and securities in certain reorganizations.

(a) Section 354 provides that under certain circumstances no gain or loss is recognized to a shareholder who surrenders his stock in exchange for other stock or to a security holder who surrenders his securities in exchange for stock. Section 354 also provides that under certain circumstances a security holder may surrender securities and receive securities in the same principal amount or in a lesser principal amount without the recognition of gain or loss to him. The exchanges to which section 354 applies must be pursuant to a plan of reorganization as provided in section 368(a) and the stock and securities surrendered as well as the stock and securities received must be those of a corporation which is a party to the reorganization. Section 354 does not apply to exchanges pursuant to a reorganization described in section 368(a)(1)(D) unless the transferor corporation—

(1) Transfers all or substantially all of its assets to a single corporation, and

(2) Distributes all of its remaining properties (if any) and the stock, securities and other properties received in the exchange to its shareholders or security holders in pursuance of the plan of reorganization. The fact that properties retained by the transferor corporation, or received in exchange for the properties transferred in the

reorganization, are used to satisfy existing liabilities not represented by securities and which were incurred in the ordinary course of business before the reorganization does not prevent the application of section 354 to an exchange pursuant to a plan of reorganization defined in section 368(a)(1)(D).

(b) Except as provided in section 354 (c) and (d), section 354 is not applicable to an exchange of stock or securities if a greater principal amount of securities is received than the principal amount of securities the recipient surrenders, or if securities are received and the recipient surrenders no securities. See, however, section 356 and regulations pertaining to such section. See also section 306 with respect to the receipt of preferred stock in a transaction to which section 354 is applicable.

(c) An exchange of stock or securities shall be subject to section 354(a)(1) even though—

(1) Such exchange is not pursuant to a plan of reorganization described in section 368(a), and

(2) The principal amount of the securities received exceeds the principal amount of the securities surrendered or if securities are received and no securities are surrendered—

if such exchange is pursuant to a plan of reorganization for a railroad corporation as defined in section 77(m) of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 205(m)) and is approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission under section 77 of such act or under section 20b of the Interstate Commerce Act (49 U.S.C. 20b) as being in the public interest. Section 354 is not applicable to such exchanges if there is received property other than stock or securities. See, however, section 356 and regulations pertaining to such section.

(d) The rules of section 354 may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Pursuant to a reorganization under section 368(a) to which Corporations T and W are parties, A, a shareholder in Corporation T, surrenders all his common stock in Corporation T in exchange for common stock of Corporation W. No gain or loss is recognized to A.

Example (2). Pursuant to a reorganization under section 368(a) to which Corporations X and Y (which are not railroad corporations) are parties, B, a shareholder in Corporation X, surrenders all his stock in X for stock and securities in Y. Section 354 does not apply to this exchange. See, however, section 356.

Example (3). C, a shareholder in Corporation Z (which is not a railroad corporation), surrenders all his stock in Corporation Z in exchange for securities in Corporation Z. Whether or not this exchange is in connection with a recapitalization under section 368(a)(1)(E), section 354 does not apply. See, however, section 302.

(e) For the purpose of section 354, stock rights or stock warrants are not included in the term "stock or securities".

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§ 1.355-1 Distribution of stock and securities of controlled corporation.

(a) *Application of section.* Section 355 provides for the separation, without recognition of gain or loss to the shareholders and security holders, of two or more existing businesses formerly operated, directly or indirectly, by a single corporation. It applies only to the separation of existing businesses which have been in active operation for at least five years, and which, in general, have been owned for at least five years by the corporation making the distribution of stock or of stock and securities. Section 355 does not apply to the division of a single business. For the purpose of section 355, stock rights or stock warrants are not included in the term "stock and securities".

(b) *Types of separations.* Section 355 is concerned with two general types of separations of businesses. The first is the distribution of the stock of an existing corporation. The second is the distribution of the stock of a new corporation which stock was received in exchange for the assets of a business previously operated by the distributing corporation. In both cases, this section contemplates the continued operation of the businesses existing prior to the separation.

(c) *Active business.* Section 355 is not applicable unless the controlled corporation and the distributing corporation are each engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business. For specific rules in this connection see section 355(b) (1) and (2). Without regard to such rules, for purposes of section 355, a trade or business consists of a specific existing group of activities being carried on for the purpose of earning income or profit from only such group of activities, and the activities included in such group must include every operation which forms a part of, or a step in, the process of earning income or profit from such group. Such group of activities ordinarily must include the collection of income and the payment of expenses. It does not include—

(1) The holding for investment purposes of stock, securities, land or other property, including casual sales thereof (whether or not the proceeds of such sales are reinvested),

(2) The ownership and operation of land or buildings all or substantially all of which are used and occupied by the owner in the operation of a trade or business, or

(3) A group of activities which, while a part of a business operated for profit, are not themselves independently producing income even though such activities would produce income with the addition of other activities or with large increases in activities previously incidental or insubstantial.

(d) *Examples.* The following examples illustrate the application of the rules described in paragraph (c) of this section:

Example (1). Corporation A is engaged in the manufacture and sale of soap and detergents and owns investment securities. It proposes to place the investment securities in a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to its shareholders. The holding of investment securities does not constitute a trade or business.

Example (2). Corporation B is engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling hats in its own factory building. It proposes to transfer the factory building to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to its shareholders. The activities in connection with the manufacturing of hats constitute a trade or business; but the operation of the factory building does not.

Example (3). Corporation C, a bank, owns an eleven-story downtown office building, the ground floor of which is occupied by it in the conduct of its banking business and the remaining ten floors of which it rents to various tenants. The ten floors are rented, managed and maintained by the real estate department of the bank. It is proposed to transfer the building to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to the bank's shareholders. The activities in connection with banking constitute a trade or business as do also the activities in connection with the rental of the building.

Example (4). Corporation D, a bank, owns a two-story building in a suburban area, the ground floor and approximately one-half of the second floor of which is occupied by it in the conduct of its banking business. The remainder of the second floor is rented as storage space to a neighboring retail merchant. It is proposed to transfer the building to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to the bank's shareholders. With respect to the rental of part of the second floor of its building, the bank is not engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business, such activity being only incidental to its banking business.

Example (5). Corporation E is engaged in the manufacture and sale of wood products. In connection with such manufacturing, it maintains a research department for its own use. It proposes to transfer the research department to a new corporation after which it will engage the services of the new corporation on a contract basis. The activities of the research department do not constitute a trade or business.

Example (6). Corporation F owns and rents an office building and owns vacant land. It proposes to transfer the vacant land to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to its shareholders. The holding of the vacant land does not constitute a trade or business.

Example (7). Corporation G owns land on which it engages in the ranching business. Oil has been discovered in the area and it is apparent that oil may be found under the land on which the ranching activities are maintained. Corporation G has engaged in no activities in connection with the mineral rights. It proposes to transfer the mineral rights to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to shareholders. Corporation G is not engaged in an active trade or business with respect to the mineral rights.

Example (8). Corporation H manufactures and sells ice cream at a plant in State X and at a plant in State Y. Corporation H proposes to transfer the plant and related activities in State Y to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to its shareholders. The activities in each State constitute a trade or business.

Example (9). Corporation I manufactures and sells ice cream in State X. It purchases land and constructs a new plant in State Y.

After manufacturing and selling operations have commenced at the new plant, it proposes to transfer it to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to its shareholders. The activities at the new plant constitute a trade or business which, however, has been in existence only since such activities began.

Example (10). Corporation J has owned and operated a men's retail clothing store in the downtown area of the City of R for seven years and has also owned and operated a men's retail clothing store in the suburban area of the City of R for nine years. The manager of each store directs its operations and makes the necessary purchases. No common warehouse is maintained. Corporation J proposes to transfer the store building, fixtures, and inventory of the suburban store to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to the shareholders of Corporation J. The activities of each store constitute a trade or business which has been in existence for more than five years.

Example (11). Corporation K processes and sells meat products. It is proposed to separate the selling from the manufacturing activities by forming a separate corporation, L, to handle sales. Corporation K will transfer to Corporation L certain physical assets pertaining to the sales function plus cash for working capital in exchange for the capital stock of Corporation L which will be distributed to the shareholders of Corporation K. Since the manufacturing and selling operations constitute only one integrated business, neither Corporation K nor Corporation L will be continuing the active conduct of a trade or business formerly conducted by Corporation K.

Example (12). Corporation M is engaged in the manufacture and sale of steel and steel products. In addition, Corporation M owns and operates a coal mine for the sole purpose of supplying its coal requirements in the manufacture of steel. It is proposed to transfer the coal mine to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to the shareholders of Corporation M. The activities of Corporation M in connection with the operation of the coal mine do not constitute a trade or business, since such activities are not themselves independently producing income although a part of the business operated for profit.

Example (13). Corporation N manufactures steel containers for oil and oil products at a plant in State X and at a plant in State Y. Pursuant to a sales contract with Corporation O, Corporation N sells its entire product to Corporation O. Corporation N proposes to transfer the plant and related activities in State Y, together with that portion of the sales contract with Corporation O applicable to the sales of that plant to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to its shareholders. The activities in each State constitute a trade or business before and after the transfer to the new corporation.

Example (14). Corporation P manufactures and sells steel containers for oil and oil products at a plant in State X and at a plant in State Y. Corporation P makes all of its sales through its wholly-owned subsidiary pursuant to a sales contract, by virtue of which the subsidiary acts either as principal or sales agent for Corporation P. Corporation P proposes to transfer the plant and related activities in State Y, together with that portion of the sales contract applicable to the sales of that plant to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to its shareholders. The activities in each State constitute a trade or business before and after the transfer to the new corporation.

Example (15). Corporation Q manufactures electrical products at a plant in State X and at a plant in State Y. The sales of the electrical products produced by each plant are made by the corporation's sales office located at the plant in State X. Corporation Q proposes to transfer the plant and related activities in State Y, together with that portion of the facilities and personnel of the sales office allocable to the sales of the plant in State Y to a new corporation and distribute the stock of such new corporation to its shareholders. The activities in each state constitute a trade or business before and after the transfer to the new corporation.

Example (16). Corporation R manufactures and sells automobiles and operates an executive dining room primarily for the convenience of its executives. The dining room is managed and operated as a separate unit and the executives are charged for their meals. Corporation R derives a profit from the operation of the dining room. The activities connected with the executive dining room do not constitute a trade or business.

(e) *Businesses operated by one corporation.* For further examples of businesses operated by one corporation, see paragraph (d) of § 1.337–3.

§ 1.355–2 Limitations.

(a) *Property distributed.* The property distributed must consist solely of stock or stock and securities of a controlled corporation. If additional property (including an excess principal amount of securities received over securities surrendered) is received, see section 356.

(b) *Distribution of earnings and profits.* (1) The transaction must not have been used principally as a device for the distribution of the earnings and profits of the distributing corporation or of the controlled corporation or of both. If, pursuant to an arrangement negotiated or agreed upon prior to the distribution of stock or securities of the controlled corporation, part or all of the stock or securities of either corporation are sold or exchanged after the distribution, such sale or exchange will be evidence that the transaction was used principally as a device for the distribution of the earnings and profits of the distributing corporation or of the controlled corporation, or both. However, if the rules respecting continuity of interest contained in paragraph (c) of this section are not met, section 355 will not apply. If a sale of such stock or securities is made after the distribution and is not pursuant to an arrangement negotiated or agreed upon prior to the distribution, the mere fact of such sale is not determinative that the transaction was used principally as a device for the distribution of earnings and profits, but such fact will be evidence that the transaction was used principally as such a device.

(2) A sale is pursuant to an arrangement agreed upon prior to the distribution when enforcible rights to buy or to sell exist before such distribution. In any case in which a sale or exchange was discussed by the buyer and the seller before the distribution, but enforcible rights to buy or to sell did not exist before such distribution, the question whether an arrangement was negotiated within the meaning of section 355(a)(1)(B) shall be determined from all the facts and circumstances.

(3) In determining whether a transaction was used principally as a device for the distribution of the earnings and profits of the distributing corporation or of the controlled corporation or both, consideration will be given to all of the facts and circumstances of the transaction. In particular, consideration will be given to the nature, kind and amount of the assets of both corporations (and corporations controlled by them) immediately after the transaction. The fact that at the time of the transaction substantially all of the assets of each of the corporations involved are and have been used in the active conduct of trades or businesses which meet the requirements of section 355(b) will be considered evidence that the transaction was not used principally as such a device.

(c) *Business purpose.* The distribution by a corporation of stock or securities of a controlled corporation to its shareholders with respect to its own stock or to its security holders in exchange for its own securities will not qualify under section 355 where carried out for purposes not germane to the business of the corporation. The principal reason for this requirement is to limit the application of section 355 to certain specified distributions or exchanges with respect to the stock or securities of controlled corporations incident to such readjustment of corporate structures as is required by business exigencies and which, in general, effect only a readjustment of continuing interests in property under modified corporate forms. Section 355 contemplates a continuity of the entire business enterprise under modified corporate forms and a continuity of interest in all or part of such business enterprise on the part of those persons who, directly or indirectly, were the owners of the enterprise prior to the distribution or exchange. All the requisites of business and corporate purposes described under § 1.368 must be met to exempt a transaction from the recognition of gain or loss under this section.

(d) *Stock and securities distributed.* The distributing corporation must distribute:

(1) All of the stock and securities of the controlled corporation which it owns, or

(2) At least an amount of the stock which constitutes control as defined in section 368(c). In such case all, or any part, of the securities of the controlled corporation may be distributed.

Where a part of either the stock or securities is retained under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, it must be established to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that such retention was not in pursuance of a plan having as one of its principal purposes the avoidance of Federal income tax. Ordinarily, the business reasons (as distinguished from the desire to make a distribution of the earnings and profits) which support a distribution of stock and securities of a controlled corporation under paragraph (c) of this section will require the distribution of all of the stock and securities. If the distribution of all of the stock and securities of a controlled corporation would be treated to any extent as a distribution of "other property" under section 356, this fact does not tend to establish that the retention of any of such stock and securities is not in pursuance of a plan having as one of its principal purposes the avoidance of Federal income tax.

(e) *Principal amount of securities.* (1) Section 355(a)(1) is not applicable if the principal amount of securities received exceeds the principal amount of securities surrendered or if securities are received and no securities are surrendered. In such cases, see section 356.

(2) If only stock is received in a transaction to which section 355 is applicable, the principal amount of securities surrendered, if any, and the par or stated value of stock is not relevant to the application of such section. For example: All of the stock of Corporation A is owned by X, an individual, and securities in the principal amount of $100,000 which were issued by Corporation A are owned by Y, an individual. Corporation A distributes all of the stock of a controlled corporation to Y in exchange for his securities. The par or stated value of the stock of the controlled corporation is $150,000. No gain or loss is recognized to Y upon the receipt of the stock of the controlled corporation.

(f) *Period of ownership.* (1) For the purposes of determining whether gain or loss will be recognized upon a distribution, stock of a controlled corporation acquired (in a transaction in which gain or loss is recognized, in whole or in part) within five years of the date of the distribution of such stock is treated as "other property." Section 355 does not apply to a transaction which includes a distribution of such stock. See section 356. The stock so acquired is "stock" however, for the purpose of the requirements respecting the distribution of stock of such controlled corporation provided in section 355(a)(1)(D).

(2) Subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. Corporation A has held 85 of the 100 outstanding shares of the stock of Corporation B for more than five years on the date of distribution. Six months before such date, it purchased 10 shares of such stock. If all of the stock of the controlled corporation owned by Corporation A is distributed, section 355 is not applicable to such distribution since the 10 shares would represent "other property." See, however, section 356. If however, for proper business reasons it is decided to retain some of the stock of Corporation B, then the determination of the amount of such stock which must be distributed under section 355(a)(1)(D) in order to constitute a distribution to which section 355 is applicable must be made by reference to all of the stock of the controlled corporation including the 10 shares acquired six months before such date and the 5 shares owned by others, similarly, if, by the use of any agency, the distributing corporation acquires stock of the controlled corporation within five years of the date of distribution, for example, where another subsidiary purchases such stock, such stock will be treated as "other property." If Corporation A had held only 75 of the 100 outstanding shares of stock of Corporation B for more than five years on the date of distribution and had purchased the remaining 25 shares six months before such date, neither section 355 nor section 356 would be applicable.

(g) *Active businesses.* The rules of section 355(b) and § 1.355-4, relating to active businesses, must be satisfied.

§ 1.355-3 Non pro rata distributions, etc.

(a) The rule of section 355(a)(1) prescribing that gain or loss will not be recognized applies whether or not the distribution is pro rata with respect to the interests of all the shareholders in the distributing corporation provided all other requirements of section 355 are satisfied. For example, if two individuals, A and B, own all of the stock of Corporation X which operates two active businesses, one business may be transferred to a new corporation in exchange for all of its stock and such stock distributed to either A or B in exchange for all of his stock of Corporation X. Similarly, if, in the above example, only a part of the stock of the new corporation is transferred to one of the shareholders in exchange for all of his stock of Corporation X and the balance of such stock is distributed to the other shareholder (whether or not such other shareholder surrenders stock in Corporation X), no gain or loss will be recognized. The same rule will be applicable if the stock of an existing controlled corporation is distributed to the shareholders even though such distribution is not pursuant to a plan of reorganization. Section 355 does not apply, however, if the substance of the transaction is merely an exchange between shareholders or security holders of stock or securities in one corporation for stock or securities in another corporation. For example, if two individuals, C and D, each own directly fifty percent of the stock of Corporation M and fifty percent of the stock of Corporation N, section 355 would not apply to a transaction in which C and D transfer all of their stock in Corporation M and Corporation N to a new corporation, P, for all of the stock of Corporation P, and Corporation P then distributes the stock of Corporation M to C and the stock of Corporation N to D.

(b) The stock of the controlled corporation which is distributed may consist of either common or preferred stock. See, however, section 306 with respect to the receipt of preferred stock in a transaction to which section 355 is applicable.

(c) The rule of section 355(a)(1) prescribing that gain or loss will not be recognized applies whether or not the shareholder surrenders stock in the distributing corporation and whether or not the distribution is in pursuance of a plan of reorganization (within the meaning of section 368(a)(1)(D)).

§ 1.355-4 Active conduct of a trade or business.

(a) A distribution of stock or securities of a controlled corporation is subject to section 355(a) only, if:

(1) The distributing corporation and the controlled corporation are each engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business immediately after the distribution of stock or securities of the controlled corporation; or

(2) Immediately before the distribution the distributing corporation had no assets other than stock or securities in the controlled corporations and each of the controlled corporations is engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business immediately after the distribution. In connection with the requirement of "no assets" a de minimis rule is applicable.

(3) These rules are illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation A, prior to the distribution, operates an active business and owns all of the stock of Corporation B which also is engaged in the active conduct of a business. Corporation A distributes all of the stock of Corporation B to its shareholders, and both continue the operations of their separate businesses. The active business requirement of section 355(b)(1)(A) is satisfied.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example 1, except that Corporation A transfers all of its assets except the stock of Corporation B to a new corporation in exchange for all of its stock and transfers the stock of both controlled corporations to its shareholders. The active business requirement of section 355(b)(1)(B) is satisfied.

(b)(1) Section 355(b)(2) provides rules for determining whether any corporation is treated as engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business for purposes of ascertaining whether the distributing corporation and the controlled corporation meet the requirements of section 355(b)(1). Under section 355(b)(2)(A), a corporation is treated as engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business if it is itself engaged in such a trade or business or if substantially all of its assets consist of the stock and securities of a corporation or corporations controlled by it (immediately after the distribution) each of which is engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business. Regardless of whether the determination is based upon a corporation's own conduct of a trade or business or on the basis of its ownership of the stock of a corporation or corporations which conduct a trade or business, such trade or business must have been actively conducted for the five-year period ending on the date of distribution of the stock and securities of the controlled corporation the stock of which was distributed as provided in section

355(b)(2)(B). Furthermore, such trade or business must not have been acquired by either corporation during such five-year period unless it was acquired in a transaction in which gain or loss was not recognized (section 355(b)(2)(C)). In addition, under section 355(b)(2)(D), such business must not have been indirectly acquired during such five-year period by means of the acquisition of control of another corporation in a transaction in which gain or loss was recognized. Thus, section 355(b)(2)(D) requires that during the five-year period during which the trade or business must be actively conducted, such business cannot have been acquired, directly or indirectly, through another corporation by such other corporation or any of its predecessors in interest in a transaction in which gain or loss was recognized in whole or in part.

(2) Subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. In 1956, Corporation B, having cash and other liquid assets and engaged in only one active business purchases all of the stock of Corporation A, also engaged in a single active business. Later in the same year, Corporation B in a "downstairs" statutory merger merges into Corporation A. In 1958, Corporation A places the assets of the active business formerly operated by Corporation B in a new subsidiary X. A distribution of the stock of Corporation X to the stockholders of Corporation A is not within the terms of section 355, since one of the active businesses had, in effect, been purchased less than five years prior to the distribution.

(3) For the purpose of determining whether such trade or business has been actively conducted throughout the five-year period described in section 355(b)(2), the fact that during such five-year period such trade or business underwent change (for example, by the addition of new or the dropping of old products, changes in production capacity, and the like) shall be disregarded provided the changes are not of such a character as to constitute the acquisition of a new or different business.

§ 1.355-5 Records to be kept and information to be filed.

(a) Every corporation that makes a distribution of stock or securities of a controlled corporation, as described in section 355, shall attach to its return for the year of the distribution a detailed statement setting forth such data as may be appropriate in order to show compliance with the provisions of such section.

(b) Every taxpayer who receives a distribution of stock or securities of a corporation that was controlled by a corporation in which he holds stock or securities shall attach to his return for the year in which such distribution is received a detailed statement setting forth such data as may be appropriate in order to show the applicability of section 355. Such statement shall include, but shall not be limited to, a description of the stock and securities surrendered (if any) and received, and the names and addresses of all of the corporations involved in the transaction.

§ 1.356-1 Receipt of additional consideration in connection with an exchange.

(a) If in any exchange to which the provisions of section 354 or section 355 would apply except for the fact that there is received by the shareholders or the security holders other property (in addition to property permitted to be received without recognition of gain by such sections) or money, then—

(1) The gain, if any, to the taxpayer shall be recognized in an amount not in excess of the sum of the money and the fair market value of the other property, but,

(2) The loss, if any, to the taxpayer from the exchange or distribution shall not be recognized to any extent.

(b) If the distribution of such other property or money by or on behalf of a corporation has the effect of the distribution of a dividend, then there shall be chargeable to each distributee (either an individual or a corporation)—

(1) As a dividend, such an amount of the gain recognized as is not in excess of the distributee's ratable share of the undistributed earnings and profits

of the corporation accumulated after February 28, 1913, and

(2) As a gain from the exchange of property, the remainder of the gain so recognized.

(c) This section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (*1*). In an exchange to which the provisions of section 356 apply and to which section 354 would apply but for the receipt of property not permitted to be received without the recognition of gain or loss, A (either an individual or a corporation), received the following in exchange for a share of stock having an adjusted basis to him of $85:

One share of stock worth	$100
Cash	25
Other property (basis $25) fair market value	50
Total fair market value of consideration received	175
Adjusted basis of stock surrendered in exchange	85
Total gain	90
Gain to be recognized, limited to cash and other property received	75
A's pro rata share of earnings and profits accumulated after February 28, 1913 (taxable dividend)	30
Remainder to be treated as a gain from the exchange of property	45

Example (*2*). If, in example (1), A's stock had an adjusted basis to him of $200, he would have realized a loss of $25 on the exchange, which loss would not be recognized.

(d) Section 301(b)(1)(B) and section 301(d)(2) do not apply to a distribution of "other property" to a corporate shareholder if such distribution is within the provisions of section 356.

(e) See paragraph (l) of § 1.301-1 for certain transactions which are not within the scope of section 356.

§ 1.356-2 Receipt of additional consideration not in connection with an exchange.

(a) If, in a transaction to which section 355 would apply except for the fact that a shareholder (individual or corporate) receives property permitted by section 355 to be received without the recognition of gain, together with other property or money, without the surrender of any stock or securities of the distributing corporation, then the sum of the money and the fair market value of the other property as of the date of the distribution shall be treated as a distribution of property to which the rules of section 301 (other than section 301(b) and section 301(d)) apply. See section 358 for determination of basis of such other property.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (*1*). Individuals A and B each own 50 of the 100 outstanding shares of common stock of Corporation X. Corporation X owns all of the stock of Corporation Y, 100 shares. Corporation X distributes to each shareholder 50 shares of the stock of Corporation Y plus $100 cash without requiring the surrender of any shares of its own stock. The $100 cash received by each is treated as a distribution of property to which the rules of section 301 apply.

Example (*2*). If, in the above example, Corporation X distributes 50 shares of stock of Corporation Y to A and 30 shares of such stock plus $100 cash to B without requiring the surrender of any of its own stock, the amount of cash received by B is treated as a distribution of property to which the rules of section 301 apply.

§ 1.356-3 Rules for treatment of securities as "other property".

(a) As a general rule, for purposes of section 356, the term "other property" includes securities. However, it does not include securities permitted under section 354 or section 355 to be received tax free. Thus, when securities are surrendered in a transaction to which section 354 or section 355 is applicable, the characterization of the securities received as "other property" does not include securities received where the principal amount of such securities does not exceed the principal amount of securities surrendered in the transaction. If a greater principal amount of securities is received in an exchange described in section 354 (other than subsection (c) or (d) thereof) or section 355 over the principal amount of securities surrendered, the term "other property" includes the fair market value of such excess principal amount as of the date of the exchange. If no securities are surrendered in exchange, the term "other property" includes the fair market value, as of the date of receipt, of the entire principal amount of the securities received.

(b) The following examples illustrate the application of the above regulations:

Example (1). A, an individual, exchanged 100 shares of stock for 100 shares of stock and a security in the principal amount of $1,000 with a fair market value of $990. The amount of $990 is treated as "other property."

Example (2). B, an individual, exchanged 100 shares of stock and a security in the principal amount of $1,000 for 300 shares of stock and a security in the principal amount of $1,500. The security had a fair market value on the date of receipt of $1,575. The fair market value of the excess principal amount, or $525, is treated as "other property."

Example (3). C, an individual, exchanged a security in the principal amount of $1,000 for 100 shares of stock and a security in the principal amount of $900. No part of the security received is treated as "other property."

Example (4). D, an individual, exchanged a security in the principal amount of $1,000 for 100 shares of stock and a security in the principal amount of $1,200 with a fair market value of $1,100. The fair market value of the excess principal amount, or $183.33, is treated as "other property."

Example (5). E, an individual, exchanged a security in the principal amount of $1,000 for another security in the principal amount of $1,200 with a fair market value of $1,080. The fair market value of the excess principal amount, or $180, is treated as "other property."

Example (6). F, an individual, exchanged a security in the principal amount of $1,000 for two different securities each in the principal amount of $750. One of the securities had a fair market value of $750, the other had a fair market value of $600. One-third of the fair market value of each security ($250 and $200) is treated as "other property."

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§ 1.356-4 Exchanges for section 306 stock.

If, in a transaction to which section 356 is applicable, other property or money is received in exchange for section 306 stock, an amount equal to the fair market value of the property plus the money, if any, shall be treated as a distribution of property to which section 301 is applicable. The determination of whether section 306 stock is surrendered for other property (including money) is a question of fact to be decided under all of the circumstances of each case. Ordinarily, the other property (including money) received will first be treated as received in exchange for any section 306 stock owned by a shareholder prior to such transaction. For example, if a shareholder who owns a share of common stock (having a basis to him of $100) and a share of preferred stock which is section 306 stock (having a basis to him of $100) surrenders both shares in a transaction to which section 356 is applicable for one share of common stock having a fair market value of $80 and one $100 bond having a fair market value of $100, the bond will be deemed received in exchange for the section 306 stock and it will be treated as a distribution to which section 301 is applicable to the extent of its entire fair market value ($100).

§ 1.356-5 Transactions involving gift or compensation.

With respect to transactions described in sections 354, 355, or 356, but which—

(a) Result in a gift, see section 2501 and following, and the regulations pertaining thereto, or

(b) Have the effect of the payment of compensation, see section 61(a)(1), and the regulations pertaining thereto.

§ 1.357-1 Assumption of liability.

(a) *General rule.* Section 357(a) does not affect the rule that liabilities assumed are to be taken into account for the purpose of computing the amount of gain or loss realized under section 1001 upon an exchange. Section 357(a) provides, subject to the exceptions and limitations specified in section 357 (b) and (c), that—

(1) Liabilities assumed are not to be treated as "other property or money" for the purpose of determining the amount of realized gain which is to be recognized under section 351, 361, 371, or 374, if the transactions would, but for the receipt of "other property or money" have been exchanges of the type described in any one of such sections; and

(2) If the only type of consideration received by the transferor in addition

to that permitted to be received by section 351, 361, 371, or 374, consists of an assumption of liabilities, the transaction, if otherwise qualified, will be deemed to be within the provisions of section 351, 361, 371, or 374.

(b) *Application of general rule.* The application of paragraph (a) of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. A, an individual, transfers to a controlled corporation property with an adjusted basis of $10,000 in exchange for stock of the corporation with a fair market value of $8,000, $3,000 cash, and the assumption by the corporation of indebtedness of A amounting to $4,000. A's gain is $5,000, computed as follows:

Stock received, fair market value	$8,000
Cash received	3,000
Liability assumed by transferee	4,000
Total consideration received	15,000
Less: Adjusted basis of property transferred	10,000
Gain realized	5,000

Assuming that the exchange falls within section 351 as a transaction in which the gain to be recognized is limited to "other property or money" received, the gain recognized to A will be limited to the $3,000 cash received, since, under the general rule of section 357(a), the assumption of the $4,000 liability does not constitute "other property."

(c) *Tax avoidance purpose.* The benefits of section 357(a) do not extend to any exchange involving an assumption of liabilities where it appears that the principal purpose of the taxpayer with respect to such assumption was to avoid Federal income tax on the exchange, or, if not such purpose, was not a bona fide business purpose. In such cases, the total amount of liabilities assumed or acquired pursuant to such exchange (and not merely a particular liability with respect to which the tax avoidance purpose existed) shall, for the purpose of determining the amount of gain to be recognized upon the exchange in which the liabilities are assumed or acquired, be treated as money received by the taxpayer upon the exchange. Thus, if in the example set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, the principal purpose of the assumption of the $4,000 liability was to avoid tax on the exchange, or was not a bona fide business purpose, then the amount of gain recognized would be $5,000. In any suit or proceeding where the burden is on the taxpayer to prove that an assumption of liabilities is not to be treated as "other property or money" under section 357, which is the case if the Commissioner determines that the taxpayer's purpose with respect thereto was a purpose to avoid Federal income tax on the exchange or was not a bona fide business purpose, and the taxpayer contests such determination by litigation, the taxpayer must sustain such burden by the clear preponderance of the evidence. Thus, the taxpayer must prove his case by such a clear preponderance of all the evidence that the absence of a purpose to avoid Federal income tax on the exchange, or the presence of a bona fide business purpose, is unmistakable.

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§ 1.357-2 Liabilities in excess of basis.

(a) Section 357(c) provides in general that in an exchange to which section 351 (relating to a transfer to a corporation controlled by the transferor) is applicable, or to which section 361 (relating to the nonrecognition of gain or loss to corporations) is applicable by reason of a section 368(a)(1)(D) reorganization, if the sum of the amount of liabilities assumed plus the amount of liabilities to which the property is subject exceeds the total of the adjusted basis of the property transferred pursuant to such exchange, then such excess shall be considered as a gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset or of property which is not a capital asset as the case may be. Thus, if an individual transfers, under section 351, properties having a total basis in his hands of $20,000, one of which has a basis of $10,000 but is subject to a mortgage of $30,000, to a corporation controlled by him, such individual will be subject to tax with respect to $10,000, the excess of the amount of the liability over the total adjusted basis of all the properties in his hands. The same result will follow whether or not the liability is assumed by the transferee. The determination of whether a gain resulting from the transfer of capital assets is long-term or short-term capital gain shall be made by reference to the holding period to the transferor of the assets transferred. An exception to the general rule of section 357(c) is made (1) for any exchange as to which under section 357(b) (relating to assumption of liabilities for tax-avoidance purposes) the entire amount of the liabilities is treated as money received and (2) for an exchange to which section 371 (relating to reorganizations in certain receivership and bankruptcy proceedings) or section 374 (relating to gain or loss not recognized in certain railroad reorganizations) is applicable.

(b) The application of paragraph (a) of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). If all such assets transferred are capital assets and if half the assets (ascertained by reference to their fair market value at the time of the transfer) have been held for less than 1 year (6 months for taxable years beginning before 1977; 9 months for taxable years beginning in 1977), and the remaining half for more than 1 year (6 months for taxable years beginning before 1977; 9 months for taxable years beginning in 1977), half the excess of the amount of the liability over the total of the adjusted basis of the property transferred pursuant to the exchange shall be treated as short-term capital gain, and the remaining half shall be treated as long-term capital gain.

Example (2). If half of the assets (ascertained by reference to their fair market value at the time of the transfer) transferred are capital assets and half are assets other than capital assets, then half of the excess of the amount of the liability over the total of the adjusted basis of the property transferred pursuant to the exchange shall be treated as capital gain, and the remaining half shall be treated as gain from the sale or exchange of assets other than capital assets.

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§ 1.358-1 Basis to distributees.

(a) In the case of an exchange or distribution to which section 354, 355, or 371(b) applies in which, under the law applicable to the year in which the exchange is made, only nonrecognition property is received, the sum of the basis of all of the stock and securities in the corporation whose stock and securities are exchanged or with respect to which the distribution is made, held immediately after the transaction, plus the basis of all stock and securities received in the transaction shall be the same as the basis of all the stock and securities in such corporation held immediately before the transaction allocated in the manner described in § 1.358-2. In the case of an exchange to which section 351, 361, or 374 applies in which, under the law applicable to the year in which the exchange was made, only nonrecognition property is received, the basis of all the stock and securities received in the exchange shall be the same as the basis of all property exchange therefor. If in an exchange or distribution to which section 351, 356, 361, 371(b), or 374 applies both nonrecognition property and "other property" are received, the basis of all the property except "other property" held after the transaction shall be determined as described in the preceding two sentences decreased by the sum of the money and the fair market value of the "other property" (as of the date of the transaction) and increased by the sum of the amount treated as a dividend (if any) and the amount of the gain recognized on the exchange, but the term "gain" as here used does not include any portion of the recognized gain that was treated as a dividend. In any case in which a taxpayer transfers property with respect to which loss is recognized, such loss shall be reflected in determining the basis of the property received in the exchange. The basis of the "other property" is its fair market value as of the date of the transaction.

(b) The application of paragraph (a) of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. A purchased a share of stock in Corporation X in 1935 for $150. Since that date he has received distributions out of other than earnings and profits (as defined in section 316) totalling $60, so that his adjusted basis for the stock is $90. In a transaction qualifying under section 356, A exchanged this share for one share in Corporation Y, worth $100, cash in the amount of $10, and other property with a fair market value of $30. The exchanging had the effect of the distribution of a dividend. A's ratable share of the earnings and profits of Corporation X accumulated after February 28, 1913, was $5. A realized a gain of $50 on the exchange, but the amount recognized is limited to $40, the sum of the cash received and the fair market value of the other property. Of the gain recognized, $5 is taxable as a dividend, and $35 as a gain from the exchange of property. The basis to A of the one share of stock of Corporation Y is $90. that is, the adjusted basis of the one share of stock Corporation X ($90), decreased by the sum of the cash received ($10) and the fair market value of the other property received ($30) and increased by the sum of the amount treated as a dividend ($5) and the amount treated as a gain from the exchange of property ($35). The basis of the other property received is $30.

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§ 1.358-2 Allocation of basis among nonrecognition property.

(a)(1) As used in this paragraph the term "stock" means stock which is not "other property" under section 356 or 371(b), stock with respect to which a distribution is made, and, in the case of a surrender of part of the stock of a particular class, the retained part of such stock. The term "securities" means securities (including, where appropriate, fractional parts of securities) which are not "other property" under section 356 or 371(b) and in the case of a surrender of part of the securities of a particular class, the retained part of such securities. Stock, or securities, as the case may be, which differ either because they are in different corporations or because the rights attributable to them differ (although they are in the same corporation) are considered different classes of stock or securities, as the case may be, for purposes of this section.

(2) If as the result of an exchange or distribution under the terms of section 354, 355, 356 or 371(b) a shareholder who owned stock of only one class before the transaction owns stock of two or more classes after the transaction, then the basis of all the stock held before the transaction (as adjusted under § 1.358-1) shall be allocated among the stock of all classes (whether or not such stock was received in the transaction) held immediately after the transaction in proportion to the fair market values of the stock of each class.

(3) If as the result of an exchange under the terms of section 354, 355, 356 or 371(b) a security holder who owned only securities, all of one class, before the transaction, owns securities or stock of more than one class, or owns both stock and securities, then the basis of all the securities held before the transaction (as adjusted under § 1.358-1) shall be allocated among all the stock and securities (whether or not received in the transaction) held immediately after the transaction in proportion to the fair market values of the stock of each class and the securities of each class.

(4) In every case in which, before the transactions, a person owned stock of more than one class or securities of more than one class or owned both stock and securities, a determination must be made, upon the basis of all the facts, of the stock or securities received with respect to stock and securities of each class held (whether or not surrendered). The allocation described in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph shall be separately made as to the stock of each class with respect to which there is an exchange or distribution and the allocation described in subparagraph (3) of this paragraph shall be separately made with respect to the securities of each class, part or all of which are surrendered in the exchange.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (2), (3), and (4) of this paragraph, in any case in which a plan of recapitalization under section 368(a)(1)(E) provides that each holder of stock or securities of a particular class shall have an option to surrender some or none of such stock or securities in exchange for stock or securities, and a shareholder or security holder exchanges an identifiable part of his stock or securities, the basis of the part of the stock or securities retained shall remain unchanged and shall not be taken into account in determining the basis of the stock or securities received.

(b) (1) As used in this paragraph the term "stock" refers only to stock which is not "other property" under section 351, 361, or 374 and the term "securities" refers only to securities which are not "other property" under section 351, 361, or 374.

(2) If in an exchange to which section 351 or 361 applies property is transferred to a corporation and the transferor receives stock or securities of more than one class or receives both stock and securities, then the basis of the property transferred (as adjusted under § 1.358-1) shall be allocated among all of the stock and securities received in proportion to the fair market values of the stock of each class and the securities of each class.

(c) The application of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). A, an individual, owns stock in Corporation X with an adjusted basis of $1,000. In a transaction qualifying under section 356 (so far as such section relates to section 354), he exchanged this stock for 20 shares of stock of Corporation Y worth $1,200 and securities of Corporation Y worth $400. A realizes a gain of $600 of which $400 is recognized. The adjusted basis in A's hands of each share of the stock of Corporation Y is $50 determined by allocating the basis of the stock of Corporation X ratably to the stock of Corporation Y received in the exchange. The securities of Corporation Y have a basis in the hands of A of $400.

Example (2). B, an individual, owns a security in the principal amount of $10,000 with a basis of $5,000. In a transaction to which section 354 is applicable, he exchanges this security for four securities in the principal amount of $750 each, worth $800 each, four securities in the principal amount of $750 each, worth $600 each, class A common stock worth $1,000, and class B common stock worth $400. B realizes a gain of $2,000 none of which is recognized. The basis of his original security, $5,000, will be allocated 32/70ths to the four securities worth $800, 24/70ths to the four securities worth $600, 10/70ths to the class A common stock, and 4/70ths to the class B common stock.

Example (3). C, an individual, owns stock of Corporation Y with a basis of $5,000 and owns a security issued by Corporation Y in the principal amount of $5,000 with a basis of $5,000. In a transaction to which section 354 is applicable, he exchanges the stock of Corporation Y for stock of Corporation Z with a value of $6,000, and he exchanges the security of Corporation Y for stock of Corporation Z worth $1,500 and a security of Corporation Z in the principal amount of $4,500 worth $4,500. No gain is recognized to C on either exchange. The basis of the stock of Corporation Z received for the stock of Corporation Y is $5,000. The bases of the stock and security of Corporation Z received in exchange for the security of Corporation Y are $1,250 and $3,750, respectively.

Example (4). D, an individual, owns stock in Corporation M with a basis of $15,000, worth $40,000, and owns a security issued by Corporation M in the principal amount of $5,000 with a basis of $4,000. In a transaction qualifying under section 356 (so far as such section relates to section 355), he exchanges the security of Corporation M for a security of Corporation O (a controlled corporation) in the principal amount of $5,000, worth $5,000, and exchanges one-half of his stock of Corporation M for stock of Corporation O worth $15,000 and a security of Corporation O in the principal amount of $5,000, worth $5,000. All of the stock and securities of Corporation O are distributed pursuant to the transaction. D realizes a gain of $12,500 on the exchange of the stock of Corporation M for the stock and security of Corporation O of which $5,000 is recognized. D also realizes a gain of $1,000 on the exchange of a security of Corporation M for a security of Corporation O, none of which is recognized. The basis of his stock of Corporation M held before the transaction is allocated 20/35ths to the stock of Corporation M held after the transaction and 15/35ths to the stock of Corporation O. The basis of the security of Corporation O received in exchange for his security of Corporation M is $4,000, the basis of the security of Corporation M exchanged. The basis of the security of Corporation O received with respect to D's stock of Corporation M is $5,000, its fair market value.

(d) See § 1.358-5 for rules relating to the allocation of basis in the case of an exchange to which section 354(d) (or so much of section 356 as related to section 354(d)) or section 374(c) applies.

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§ 1.358-3 Treatment of assumption of liabilities.

(a) For purposes of section 358, where a party to the exchange assumes a liability of a distributee or acquires from him property subject to a liability, the amount of such liability is to be treated as money received by the distributee upon the exchange, whether or not the assumption of liabilities resulted in a recognition of gain or loss to the taxpayer under the law applicable to the year in which the exchange was made.

(b) The application of paragraph (a) of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). A, an individual, owns property with an adjusted basis of $100,000 on which there is a purchase money mortgage of $25,000. On December 1, 1945, A organizes Corporation X to which he transfers the property in exchange for all the stock of Corporation X and the assumption by Corporation X of the mortgage. The capital stock of the Corporation X has a fair market value of $150,000. Under sections 351 and 357, no gain or loss is recognized to A. The basis in A's hands of the stock of Corporation X is $75,000, computed as follows:

Adjusted basis of property transferred	$100,000
Less: Amount of money received (amount of liabilities assumed)	—25,000
Basis of Corporation X stock to A	75,000

Example (2). A, an individual, owns property with an adjusted basis of $25,000 on which there is a mortgage of $50,000. On December 1, 1954, A organizes Corporation X to which he transfers the property in exchange for all the stock of Corporation X and the assumption by Corporation X of the mortgage. The stock of Corporation X has a fair market value of $50,000. Under sections 351 and 357, gain is recognized to A in the amount of $25,000. The basis in A's hands of the stock of Corporation X is zero, computed as follows:

Adjusted basis of property transferred	$25,000
Less: Amount of money received (amount of liabilities)	—50,000
Plus: Amount of gain recognized to taxpayer	25,000
Basis of Corporation X stock to A	0

§ 1.358-4 Exceptions.

(a) *Plan of reorganization adopted after October 22, 1968.* In the case of a plan of reorganization adopted after October 22, 1968, section 358 does not apply in determining the basis of property acquired by a corporation in connection with such reorganization by the exchange of its stock or securities (or by the exchange of stock or securities of a corporation which is in control of the acquiring corporation) as the consideration in whole or in part for the transfer of the property to it. See section 362 and the regulations pertaining to that section for rules relating to basis to corporations of property acquired in such cases.

(b) *Plan of reorganization adopted before October 23, 1968.* In the case of a plan of reorganization adopted before October 23, 1968, section 358 does not apply in determining the basis of property acquired by a corporation in connection with such reorganization by the issuance of stock or securities of such corporation (or by the issuance of stock or securities of another corporation which is in control of such corporation) as the consideration in whole or in part for the transfer of the property to it. The term "issuance of stock or securities" includes any transfer of stock or securities, including stock or securities which were purchased or were acquired as a contribution to capital. See section 362 and the regulations pertaining to that section for rules relating to basis to corporations of property acquired in such cases.

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§ 1.358-5 Certain exchanges involving ConRail.

(a) *In general.* In applying the allocation of basis rules of § 1.358-2 to an exchange to which section 354(d) (or so must of section 356 as related to section 354(d)) or 374(c) applies, each certificate of value of the United States Railway Association and the amount of stock of the Consolidated Rail Corporation which related to each certificate shall, so long as they are held by the same person, be treated as one unit of property.

(b) *Transfer of certificates, stock, or both.* If a certificate of value and the amount of stock related to it (see paragraph (c) of this section) are transferred together by a person who received the property in an exchange to which section 354(d) (or so much of section 356 as related to section 354(d)) or 374(c) applies, the tranferror shall be treated as transferring a single unit of property. If, however, a certificate of value is transferred without the amount of stock related to it or if a share or shares of the stock are transferred without the related certificate of value, the basis allocated to the certificate and shares of stock as a single unit of property shall be reallocated among each share of stock and the certificate in proporation to the fair market value of each on the date of the transfer.

(c) *Amount of stock related to a certificate of value.* For purposes of this section, the amount of stock of the Consolidated Rail Corporation related to a certificate of value of the United States Railway Association shall be the number of shares of series B preferred stock and common stock applicable to each certificate of value under section 610(b) of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (45 U.S.C. 746(c)(3)).

(d) *Illustration.* The application of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c), of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (a) In an exchange to which section 374(c)(1) applies corporation X transfers rail properties with an adjusted basis of $9,000 to the Consolidated Rail Corporation in exchange for 10 certificates of value of the United States Railway Association, 10 shares of series B preferred stock of the Consolidated Rail Corporation and 20 shares of common stock of the Consolidated Rail Corporation. Under § 1.358-2(b) the basis of $9,000 in the rail properties transferred by X must be allocated among the nonrecognition properties received by X. X is considered for purposes of allocating basis as having received 10 units of property each consisting of one certificate of value, one share of series B preferred stock and two shares of common stock. The basis to X of each unit of property is $900.

(b) Corporation X sells two certificates of value, three shares of series B preferred stock and six shares of common stock for their respective fair market values in a single transaction. X receives $400 for each certificate, $100 for each share of series B preferred stock and $50 for each share of common stock and $50 for each share of common stock. For purposes of determining gain or loss, X is considered to have sold two units of property (each consisting of one certificate of value, one share of series B preferred stock and two shares of common stock), plus one share of series B preferred stock and two shares of common stock. The basis of each of the two units of property is $900. The basis of the share of preferred stock is $150, the basis of each share of common stock is $75 and the basis of the certificate of value retained by X is $600 determined by reallocating the basis of $900 in a unit of property (consisting of one certificate of value, one share of common stock) among the shares of stock sold and certificate of value retained in proportion to their fair market values on the date of the transfer.

(e) *Records to be kept.* The taxpayer shall keep records of the basis, as reallocated under paragraph (b) of this section, of each certificate of value or share of stock retained. If the later transfer by the taxpayer of a certificate of value or share of stock is not treated under paragraph (b) of this section as the transfer of a single unit of property (consisting of a certificate of value and stock), the taxpayer shall identify from among the certificates of value and shares of stock that have reallocated bases, the particular certificate of value or share of stock so transferred.

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EFFECTS ON CORPORATION

§ 1.361-1 Nonrecognition of gain or loss to corporations.

Section 361 provides the general rule that no gain or loss shall be recognized if a corporation, a party to a reorganization, exchanges property in pursuance of the plan of reorganization solely for stock or securities in another corporation, a party to the reorganization. This provision includes only stock and securities received in connection with a reorganization defined in section 368(a). It also includes nonvoting stock and securities in a corporation, a party to a reorganization, received in a transaction to which section 368(a)(1)(C) is applicable only by reason of section 368(a)(2)(B).

§ 1.362-1 Basis to corporations.

(a) *In general.* Section 362 provides, as a general rule, that if property was acquired on or after June 22, 1954, by a corporation (1) in connection with a transaction to which section 351 (relating to transfer of property to corporation controlled by transferor) applies, (2) as paid-in surplus or as a contribution to capital, or (3) in connection with a reorganization to which Part III, subchapter C, Chapter 1 of the Code applies, then the basis shall be the same as it would be in the hands of the transferor, increased in the amount of gain recognized to the transferor on such transfer. (See also § 1.362-2.)

(b) *Exceptions.* (1) In the case of a plan of reorganization adopted after October 22, 1968, section 362 does not apply if the property acquired in connection with such reorganization consists of stock or securities in a corporation a party to the reorganization, unless acquired by the exchange of stock or securities of the transferee (or of a corporation which is in control of the transferee) as the consideration in whole or in part for the transfer.

(2) In the case of a plan of reorganization adopted before October 23, 1968, section 362 does not apply if the property acquired in connection with such reorganization consists of stock or securities in a corporation a party to the reorganization, unless acquired by the issuance of stock or securities of the transferee (or, in the case of transactions occurring after December 31, 1963, of a corporation which is in control of the transferee) as the consideration in whole or in part for the transfer. The term "issuance of stock or securities" includes any transfer of stock or securities, including stock or securities which were purchased or were acquired as a contribution to capital.

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§ 1.362-2 Certain contributions to capital.

The following regulations shall be used in the application of section 362(c):

(a) Property deemed to be acquired with contributed money shall be that property, if any, the acquisition of which was the purpose motivating the contribution;

(b) In the case of an excess of the amount of money contributed over the cost of the property deemed to be acquired with such money (as defined in paragraph (a) of this section) such excess shall be applied to the reduction of the basis (but not below zero) of other properties held by the corporation, on the last day of the 12-month period beginning on the day the contribution is received, in the following order—

(1) All property of a character subject to an allowance for depreciation (not including any properties as to which a deduction for amortization is allowable),

(2) Property with respect to which a deduction for amortization is allowable,

(3) Property with respect to which a deduction for depletion is allowable under section 611 but not under section 613, and

(4) All other remaining properties.

The reduction of the basis of each of the properties within each of the above categories shall be made in proportion to the relative bases of such properties.

(c) With the consent of the Commissioner, the taxpayer may, however, have the basis of the various units of property within a particular category adjusted in a manner different from the general rule set forth in paragraph (b) of this section. Variations from such rule may, for example, involve adjusting the basis of only certain units of the taxpayer's property within a given category. A request for variations from the general rule should be filed by the taxpayer with its return for the taxable year for which the transfer of the property has occurred.

SPECIAL RULE; DEFINITIONS

§ 1.368-1 Purpose and scope of exception of reorganization exchanges.

(a) *Reorganizations.* As used in the regulations under parts I, II, and III (section 301 and following), subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code, the terms "reorganization" and "party to a reorganization" mean only a reorganization or a party to a reorganization as defined in subsections (a) and (b) of section 368. With respect to insolvency reorganizations, see part IV, subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code.

(b) *Purpose.* Under the general rule, upon the exchange of property, gain or loss must be accounted for if the new property differs in a material particular, either in kind or in extent, from the old property. The purpose of the reorganization provisions of the Code is to except from the general rule certain specifically described exchanges incident to such readjustments of corporate structures made in one of the particular ways specified in the Code, as are required by business exigencies and which effect only a readjustment of continuing interest in property under modified corporate forms. Requisite to a reorganization under the Code are a continuity of the business enterprise under the modified corporate form, and (except as provided in section 368(a)(1)(D)) a continuity of interest therein on the part of those persons who, directly or indirectly, were the owners of the enterprise prior to the reorganization. The continuity of business enterprise requirement is described in paragraph (d) of this section. The Code recognizes as a reorganization the amalgamation (occurring in a specified way) of two corporate enterprises under a single corporate structure if there exists among the holders of the stock and securities of either of the old corporations the requisite continuity of interest in the new corporation, but there is not a reorganization if the holders of the stock and securities of the old corporation are merely the holders of short-term notes in the new corporation. In order to exclude transactions not intended to be included, the specifications of the reorganization provisions of the law are precise. Both the terms of the specifications and their underlying assumptions and purposes must be satisfied in order to entitle the taxpayer to the benefit of the exception from the general rule. Accordingly, under the Code, a short-term purchase money note is not a security of a party to a reorganization, an ordinary dividend is to be treated as an ordinary dividend, and a sale is nevertheless to be treated as a sale even though the mechanics of a reorganization have been set up.

(c) *Scope.* The nonrecognition of gain or loss is prescribed for two specifically described types of exchanges, viz: The exchange that is provided for in section 354(a)(1) in which stock or securities in a corporation, a party to a reorganization, are, in pursuance of a plan of reorganization, exchanged for the stock or securities in a corporation, a party to the same reorganization; and the exchange that is provided for in section 361(a) in which a corporation, a party to a reorganization, exchanges property, in pursuance of a plan of reorganization, for stock or securities in another corporation, a party to the same reorganization. Section 368(a)(1) limits the definition of the term "reorganization" to six kinds of transactions and excludes all others. From its context, the term "a party to a reorganization" can only mean a party to a transaction specifically defined as a reorganization by section 368(a). Certain rules respecting boot received in either of the two types of exchanges provided for in section 354(a)(1) and section 361(a) are prescribed in sections 356, 357, and 361(b). A special rule respecting a transfer of property with a liability in excess of its basis is prescribed in section 357(c). Under section 367 a limitation is placed on all these provisions by providing that except under specified conditions foreign corporations shall not be deemed within their scope. The provisions of the Code referred to in this paragraph are inapplicable unless there is a plan of reorganization. A plan of reorganization must contemplate the bona fide execution of one of the transactions specifically described as a reorganization in section 368(a) and for the bona fide consummation of each of the requisite acts under which nonrecognition of gain is claimed. Such transaction and such acts must be an ordinary and necessary incident of the conduct of the enterprise and must provide for a continuation of the enterprise. A scheme, which involves an abrupt departure from normal reorganization procedure in connection with a transaction on which the imposition of tax is imminent, such as a mere device that puts on the form of a corporate reorganization as a disguise for concealing its real character, and the object and accomplishment of which is the consummation of a preconceived plan having no business or corporate purpose, is not a plan of reorganization.

(d) *Continuity of business enterprise*—(1) *Effective date.* (i) This paragraph (d) applies to acquisitions occurring after January 30, 1981.

(ii) For an asset acquisition, the date of acquisition is the date of transfer. To determine the date of transfer, see § 1.381 (b)-1 (b).

(iii) For a stock acquisition, the date of acquisition is the date on which the exchange of stock occurs. If all stock is not exchanged on the same date, the date of exchange is the date the exchange of all stock under the plan of reorganization is complete.

(2) *General rule.* Continuity of business enterprise requires that the acquiring corporation (*P*) either (i) continue the acquired corporation's (*T's*) historic business or (ii) use a significant portion of *T's* historic business assets in a business. The application of this general rule to certain transactions, such as mergers of holding companies, will depend on all facts and circumstances. The policy underlying this general rule, which is to ensure that reorganizations are limited to readjustments of continuing interests in property under modified corporate form, provides the guidance necessary to make these facts and circumstances determinations.

(3) *Business continuity.* (i) The continuity of business enterprise requirement is satisfied if *P* continues *T's* historic business. The fact *P* is in the same line of business as *T* tends to establish the requisite continuity, but is not alone sufficient.

(ii) If *T* has more than one line of business, continuity of business enterprise requires only that *P* continue a significant line of business.

(iii) In general, a corporation's historic business is the business it has conducted most recently. However, a corporation's historic business is not one the corporation enters into as part of a plan of reorganization.

(iv) All facts and circumstances are considered in determining the time when the plan comes into existence and in determining whether a line of business is "significant".

(4) *Asset continuity.* (i) The continuity of business enterprise requirement is satisfied if *P* uses a significant portion of *T's* historic business assets in a business.

(ii) A corporation's historic business assets are the assets used in its historic business. Business assets may include stock and securities and intangible operating assets such as good will, patents, and trademarks, whether or not they have a tax basis.

(iii) In general, the determination of the portion of a corporation's assets considered "significant" is based on the relative importance of the assets to operation of the business. However, all other facts and circumstances, such as the net fair market value of those assets, will be considered.

(5) *Examples.* The following examples illustrate this paragraph (d).

Example (1). *T* conducts three lines of business: manufacture of synthetic resins, manufacture of chemicals for the textile industry, and distribution of chemicals. The three lines of business are approximately equal in value. On July 1, 1981, *T* sells the synthetic resin and chemicals distribution businesses to a third party for cash and marketable securities. On December 31, 1981, *T* transfers all of its assets to *P* solely for *P* voting stock. *P* continues the chemical manufacturing business without interruption. The continuity of business enterprise requirement is met. Continuity of business enterprise requires only that *P* continue one of *T's* three significant lines of business.

Example (2). *P* manufactures computers and *T* manufactures components for computers. *T* sells all of its output to *P*. On January 1, 1981, *P* decides to buy imported components only. On March 1, 1981, *T* merges into *P*. *P* continues buying imported components but retains *T's* equipment as a backup source of supply. The use of the equipment as a backup source of supply constitutes use of a significant portion of *T's* historic business assets, thus establishing continuity of business enterprise. *P* is not required to continue *T's* business.

Example (3). *T* is a manufacturer of boys' and men's trousers. On January 1, 1978, as part of a plan of reorganization, *T* sold all of its assets to a third party for cash and purchased a highly diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds. As part of the plan *T* operates an investment business until July 1, 1981. On that date, the plan of reorganization culminates in a transfer by *T* of all its assets to *P*, a regulated investment company, solely in exchange for *P* voting stock. The continuity of business enterprise requirement is not met. *T's* investment activity is not its historic business, and the stocks and bonds are not *T's* historic business assets.

Example (4). *T* manufactures children's toys and *P* distributes steel and allied products. On January 1, 1981, *T* sells all of its assets to a third party for $100,000 cash and $900,000 in notes. On March 1, 1981, *T* merges into *P*. Continuity of business enterprise is lacking. The use of the sales proceeds in *P's* business is not sufficient.

Example (5). *T* manufactures farm machinery and *P* operates a lumber mill. *T* merges into *P*. *P* disposes of *T*'s assets immediately after the merger as part of the plan of reorganization. *P* does not continue *T*'s farm machinery manufacturing business. Continuity of business enterprise is lacking.

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§ 1.368-2 Definition of terms.

(a) The application of the term "reorganization" is to be strictly limited to the specific transactions set forth in section 368(a). The term does not embrace the mere purchase by one corporation of the properties of another corporation, for it imports a continuity of interest on the part of the transferor or its shareholders in the properties transferred. If the properties are transferred for cash and deferred payment obligations of the transferee evidenced by short-term notes, the transaction is a sale and not an exchange in which gain or loss is not recognized.

(b)(1) In order to qualify as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(A) the transaction must be a merger or consolidation effected pursuant to the corporation laws of the United States or a State or territory, or the District of Columbia.

(2) In order for the transaction to qualify under section 368(a)(1)(A) by reason of the application of section 368(a)(2)(D), one corporation (the acquiring corporation) must acquire substantially all of the properties of another corporation (the acquired corporation) partly or entirely in exchange for stock of a corporation which is in control of the acquiring corporation (the controlling corporation), provided that (i) the transaction would have qualified under section 368(a)(1)(A) if the merger had been into the controlling corporation, and (ii) no stock of the acquiring corporation is used in the transaction. The foregoing test of whether the transaction would have qualified under section 368(a)(1)(A) if the merger had been into the controlling corporation means that the general requirements of a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(A) (such as a business purpose, continuity of business enterprise, and continuity of interest) must be met in addition to the special requirements of section 368(a)2)(D). Under this test, it is not relevant whether the merger into the controlling corporation could have been effected pursuant to State or Federal corporation law. The term "substantially all" has the same meaning as it has in section 368(a)(1)C). Although no stock of the acquiring corporation can be used in the transaction, there is no prohibition (other than the continuity of interest requirement) against using other property, such as cash or securities, of either the acquiring corporation or the parent or both. In addition, the controlling corporation may assume liabilities of the acquired corporation without disqualifying the transaction under section 368(a)(2(D), and for purposes of section 357(a) the controlling corporation is considered a party to the exchange. For example, if the controlling corporation agrees to substitute its stock for stock of the acquired corporation under an outstanding employee stock option agreement, this assumption of liability will not prevent the transaction from qualifying as a reorganization under section 368(a)(2)(D) and the assumption of liability is not treated as money or other property for purposes of section 361(b). Section 368(a)(2)(D) applies whether or not the controlling corporation (or the acquiring corporation) is formed immediately before the merger, in anticipation of the merger, or after preliminary steps have been taken to merge directly into the controlling corporation. Section 368(a)(2)(D) applies only to statutory mergers occurring after October 22, 1968.

(c) In order to qualify as a "reorganization" under section 368(a)(1)(B), the acquisition by the acquiring corporation of stock of another corporation must be in exchange solely for all or a part of the voting stock of the acquiring corporation (or, in the case of transactions occurring after December 31, 1963, solely for all or a part of the voting stock of a corporation which is in control of the acquiring corporation), and the acquiring corporation must be in control of the other corporation immediately after the transaction. If, for example, Corporation X in one transaction exchanges nonvoting preferred stock or bonds in addition to all or a part of its voting stock in the acquisition of stock of Corporation Y, the transaction is not a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(B). Nor is a transaction a reorganization described in section 368(a)(1)(B) if stock is acquired in exchange for voting stock both of the acquiring corporation and of a corporation which is in control of the acquiring corporation. The acquisition of stock of another corporation by the acquiring corporation solely for its voting stock (or solely for voting stock of a corporation which is in control of the acquiring corporation) is permitted tax-free even though the acquiring corporation already owns some of the stock of the other corporation. Such an acquisition is permitted tax-free in a single transaction or in a series of transactions taking place over a relatively short period of time such as 12 months. For example, Corporation A purchased 30 percent of the common stock of Corporation W (the only class of stock outstanding) for cash in 1939. On March 1, 1955, Corporation A offers to exchange its own voting stock for all the stock of Corporation W tendered within 6 months from the date of the offer. Within the 6-months' period Corporation A acquires an additional 60 percent of stock of Corporation W solely for its own voting stock, so that it owns 90 percent of the stock of Corporation W. No gain or loss is recognized with respect to the exchanges of stock of Corporation A for stock of Corporation W. For this purpose, it is immaterial whether such exchanges occurred before Corporation A acquired control (80 percent) of Corporation W or after such control was acquired. If Corporation A had acquired 80 percent of the stock of Corporation W for cash in 1939, it could likewise acquire some or all of the remainder of such stock solely in exchange for its own voting stock without recognition of gain or loss.

(d) In order to qualify as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(C), the transaction must be one described in subparagraph (1) or (2) of this paragraph:

(1) One corporation must acquire substantially all the properties of another corporation solely in exchange for all or a part of its own voting stock, or solely in exchange for all or a part of the voting stock of a corporation which is in control of the acquiring corporation. For example, Corporation P owns all the stock of Corporation A. All the properties of Corporation W are transferred to Corporation A either solely in exchange for voting stock of Corporation P or solely in exchange for less than 80 percent of the voting stock of Corporation A. Either of such transactions constitutes a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(C). However, if the properties of Corporation W are acquired in exchange for voting stock of both Corporation P and Corporation A, the transaction will not constitute a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(C). In determining whether the exchange meets the requirement of "solely for voting stock", the assumption by the acquiring corporation of liabilities of the transferor corporation, or the fact that property acquired from the transferor corporation is subject to a liability, shall be disregarded. Though such an assumption does not prevent an exchange from being solely for voting stock for the purposes of the definition of a reorganization contained in section 368(a)(1)(C), it may in some cases, however, so alter the character of the transaction as to place the transaction outside the purposes and assumptions of the reorganization provisions. Section 368(a)(1)(C) does not prevent consideration of the effect of an assumption of liabilities on the general character of the transaction but merely provides that the requirement that the exchange be solely for voting stock is satisfied if the only additional consideration is an assumption of liabilities.

(2) One corporation:

(i) Must acquire substantially all of the properties of another corporation in such manner that the acquisition would qualify under (1) above, but for the fact that the acquiring corporation exchanges money, or other property in addition to such voting stock, and

(ii) Must acquire solely for voting stock (either of the acquiring corporation or of a corporation which is in control of the acquiring corporation) properties of the other corporation having a fair market value which is at least 80 percent of the fair market value of all the properties of the other corporation.

(3) For the purposes of subparagraph (2)(ii) only, a liability assumed or to which the properties are subject is considered money paid for the properties. For example, Corporation A has properties with a fair market value of $100,000 and liabilities of $10,000. In exchange for these properties, Corporation Y transfers its own voting stock, assumes the $10,000 liabilities, and pays $8,000 in cash. The transaction is a reorganization even though a part of the properties of Corporation A is acquired for cash. On the other hand, if the properties of Corporation A worth $100,000, were subject to $50,000 in liabilities, an acquisition of all the properties, subject to the liabilities, for any consideration other than solely voting stock would not qualify as a reorganization under this section since the liabilities alone are in excess of 20 percent of the fair market value of the properties. If the transaction would qualify under either subparagraph (1) or (2) of this paragraph and also under section 368(a)(1)(D), such transaction shall not be treated as a reorganization under section 368 (a)(1)(C).

(e) A "recapitalization", and therefore a reorganization, takes place if, for example:

(1) A corporation with $200,000 par value of bonds outstanding, instead of paying them off in cash, discharges them by issuing preferred shares to the bondholders;

(2) There is surrendered to a corporation for cancellation 25 percent of its preferred stock in exchange for no par value common stock;

(3) A corporation issues preferred stock, previously authorized but unissued, for outstanding common stock;

(4) An exchange is made of a corporation's outstanding preferred stock, having certain priorities with reference to the amount and time of payment of dividends and the distribution of the corporate assets upon liquidation, for a new issue of such corporation's common stock having no such rights;

(5) An exchange is made of an amount of a corporation's outstanding preferred stock with dividends in arrears for other stock of the corporation. However, if pursuant to such an exchange there is an increase in the proportionate interest of the preferred shareholders in the assets or earnings and profits of the corporation, then under § 1.305-7(c)(2), an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the amount by which the fair market value or liquidation preference, whichever is greater, of the stock received in the exchange (determined immediately following the recapitalization) exceeds the issue price of the preferred stock surrendered, or (ii) the amount of the dividends in arrears, shall be treated under section 305(c) as a deemed distribution to which sections 305(b)(4) and 301 apply.

(f) The term "a party to a reorganization" includes a corporation resulting from a reorganization, and both corporations, in a transaction qualifying as a reorganization where one corporation acquires stock or properties of another corporation. A corporation remains a party to the reorganization although it transfers all or part of the assets acquired to a controlled subsidiary. A corporation controlling an acquiring corporation is a party to the reorganization when the stock of such controlling corporation is used in the acquisition of properties. Both corporations are parties to the reorganization if, under statutory authority, Corporation A is merged into Corporation B. All three of the corporations are parties to the reorganization if, pursuant to statutory authority, Corporation C and Corporation D are consolidated into Corporation E. Both corporations are parties to the reorganization if Corporation F transfers substantially all its assets to Corporation G in exchange for all or a part of the voting stock of Corporation G. All three corporations are parties to the reorganization if Corporation H transfers substantially all its assets to Corporation K in exchange for all or a part of the voting stock of Corporation L, which is in control of Corporation K. Both corporations are parties to the reorganization if Corporation M transfers all or part of its assets to Corporation N in exchange for all or a part of the stock and securities of Corporation N, but only if (1) immediately after such transfer, Corporation M, or one or more of its shareholders (including persons who were shareholders immediately before such transfer), or any combination thereof, is in control of Corporation N, and (2) in pursuance of the plan, the stock and securities of Corporation N are transferred or distributed by Corporation M in a transaction in which gain or loss is not recognized under section 354 or 355, or is recognized only to the extent provided in section 356. Both Corporation O and Corporation P, but not Corporation S, are parties to the reorganization if Corporation O acquires stock of Corporation P from Corporation S in exchange solely for a part of the voting stock of Corporation O, if (1) the stock of Corporation P does not constitute substantially all of the assets of Corporation S, (2) Corporation S is not in control of Corporation O immediately after the acquisition, and (3) Corporation O is in control of Corporation P immediately after the acquisition.

(g) The term "plan of reorganization" has reference to a consummated transaction specifically defined as a reorganization under section 368(a). The term is not to be construed as broadening the definition of "reorganization" as set forth in section 368(a), but is to be taken as limiting the nonrecognition of gain or loss to such exchanges or distributions as are directly a part of the transaction specifically described as a reorganization in section 368(a). Moreover, the transaction, or series of transactions, embraced in a plan of reorganization must not only come within the specific language of section 368(a), but the readjustments involved in the exchanges or distributions effected in the consummation thereof must be undertaken for reasons germane to the continuance of the business of a corporation a party to the reorganization. Section 368(a) contemplates genuine corporate reorganizations which are designed to effect a readjustment of continuing interests under modified corporate forms.

(h) As used in section 368, as well as in other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, if the context so requires, the conjunction "or" denotes both the conjunctive and the disjunctive, and the singular includes the plural. For example, the provisions of the statute are complied with if "stock and securities" are received in exchange as well as if "stock or securities" are received.

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§ 1.368-3 Records to be kept and information to be filed with returns.

(a) The plan of reorganization must be adopted by each of the corporations parties thereto; and the adoption must be shown by the acts of its duly constituted responsible officers, and appear upon the official records of the corporation. Each corporation, a party to a reorganization, shall file as a part of its return for its taxable year within which the reorganization occurred a complete statement of all facts pertinent to the nonrecognition of gain or loss in connection with the reorganization, including:

(1) A copy of the plan of reorganization, together with a statement, executed under the penalties of perjury, showing in full the purposes thereof and in detail all transactions incident to, or pursuant to, the plan.

(2) A complete statement of the cost or other basis of all property, including all stock or securities, transferred incident to the plan.

(3) A statement of the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received from the exchange, including a statement of all distributions or other disposition made thereof. The amount of each kind of stock or securities and other property received shall be stated on the basis of the fair market value thereof at the date of the exchange.

(4) A statement of the amount and nature of any liabilities assumed upon the exchange, and the amount and nature of any liabilities to which any

of the property acquired in the exchange is subject.

(b) Every taxpayer, other than a corporation a party to the reorganization, who receives stock or securities and other property or money upon a tax-free exchange in connection with a corporate reorganization shall incorporate in his income tax return for the taxable year in which the exchange takes place a complete statement of all facts pertinent to the nonrecognition of gain or loss upon such exchange including:

(1) A statement of the cost or other basis of the stock or securities transferred in the exchange, and

(2) A statement in full of the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received from the exchange, including any liabilities assumed upon the exchange, and any liabilities to which property received is subject. The amount of each kind of stock or securities and other property (other than liabilities assumed upon the exchange) received shall be set forth upon the basis of the fair market value thereof at the date of the exchange.

(c) Permanent records in substantial form shall be kept by every taxpayer who participates in a tax-free exchange in connection with a corporate reorganization showing the cost or other basis of the transferred property and the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received (including any liabilities assumed on the exchange, or any liabilities to which any of the properties received were subject), in order to facilitate the determination of gain or loss from a subsequent disposition of such stock or securities and other property received from the exchange.

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INSOLVENCY REORGANIZATIONS

§ 1.371-1 Exchanges by corporations.

(a) *Exchange solely for stock or securities.* (1) Section 371(a)(1) provides for the nonrecognition of gain or loss by a corporation upon certain exchanges made in connection with the reorganization of an insolvent corporation. The section does not apply to a railroad corporation as defined in section 77(m) of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 205(m)). In order to qualify as a section 371(a) reorganization, the transaction must satisfy the express statutory requirements as well as the underlying assumptions and purposes for which the exchange is excepted from the general rule requiring the recognition of gain or loss upon the exchange of property.

(2) Section 371(a)(1) applies only with respect to a reorganization effected in one of two specified types of court proceedings: (i) Receivership, foreclosure, or similar proceedings, or (ii) corporate reorganization proceedings under Chapter X of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. ch. 10). The specific statutory requirements are the transfer of property of a corporation, in pursuance of an order of the court having jurisdiction of the corporation in such proceeding, to another corporation organized or made use of to effectuate a plan of reorganization approved by the court in such proceeding, in exchange solely for stock or securities in such other corporation. If the consideration for the transfer consists of other property or money as well as stock and securities, see section 371(a)(2) and (c). As to the assumption of liabilities in an exchange described in section 371(a), see section 371(d).

(3) The application of section 371(a)(1) is to be strictly limited to a transaction of the character set forth in such section. Hence, the section is inapplicable unless there is a bona fide plan of reorganization approved by the court having jurisdiction of the proceeding and the transfer of the property of the insolvent corporation is made pursuant to such plan. It is unnecessary that the transfer be a direct transfer from the insolvent corporation; it is sufficient if the transfer is an integral step in the consummation of the reorganization plan approved by the court. By its terms, the section has no application to a reorganization consummated by adjustment of the capital or debt structure of the insolvent corporation without the transfer of its assets to another corporation.

(4) As used in section 371(a)(1), the term "reorganization" is not controlled by the definition of "reorganization" contained in section 368. However, certain basic requirements, implicit in the statute, which are essential to a reorganization under section 368, are likewise essential to qualify a transaction as a reorganization under section 371(a)(1). Among these requirements are a continuity of the business enterprise under the modified corporate form and a continuity of interest therein on the part of those persons who were the owners of the enterprise prior to the reorganization. Thus, the nonrecognition accorded by section 371(a)(1) applies only to a genuine reorganization as distinguished from a liquidation and sale of property to either new or old interests supplying new capital and discharging the obligations of the old corporation. For the purpose of determining whether the requisite continuity of interest exists, the interest of creditors who have, by appropriate legal steps, obtained effective command of the property of an insolvent corporation is considered as the equivalent of a proprietary interest. But the mere possibility of a proprietary interest is not its equivalent. In general, any transaction will be subject to nonrecognition of gain or loss as prescribed by section 371(a)(1) where the property is transferred to a corporation and the stock and securities of such corporation are transferred to persons who were shareholders or creditors of the transferor corporation as if such stock or securities had been transferred to such persons as shareholders pursuant to the nonrecognition provisions of part III, subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code. The determinative and controlling factors are the corporation's insolvency and the effective command by the creditors over its property. The term "insolvent" as used herein refers to insolvency at any time during the course of the proceeding referred to in section 371(a)(1), either in the sense of excess of liabilities over assets or in the sense of inability to meet obligations as they mature.

(5) A short-term purchase money note is not a security within the meaning of this section, and the transfer of the properties of the insolvent corporation for cash and deferred payment obligations of the transferee evidenced by short-term notes is a sale and not an exchange.

(b) *Exchange for stock or securities and other property or money.* If an exchange would be within the provisions of section 371(a)(1) if it were not for the fact that the consideration for the transfer of the property of the insolvent corporation consists not only of stock or securities but also of other property or money, then, as provided in section 371(a)(2), if the other property or money received by the corporation is distributed by it pursuant to the plan of reorganization, no gain to the corporation will be recognized. Property is distributed within the meaning of this section if it is paid over or distributed to shareholders or creditors who have by appropriate legal steps obtained effective command of the property of the corporation. If the other property or money received by the corporation is not distributed by it pursuant to the plan of reorganization, the gain, if any, to the corporation from the exchange will be recognized in an amount not in excess of the sum of money and the fair market value of the other property so received which is not distributed. In either case no loss from the exchange will be recognized (see section 371(c)).

(c) *Records to be kept and information to be filed.* (1) Each corporation a party to a section 371(a) reorganization shall furnish a complete statement of all facts pertinent to the nonrecognition of gain or loss in connection with the exchange, including:

(i) A certified copy of the plan of reorganization approved by the court in the proceeding, together with a statement showing in full the purposes thereof and in detail all transactions incident, or pursuant, to the plan;

(ii) A complete statement of the cost or other basis of all property, including all stock or securities, transferred incident to the plan;

(iii) A statement of the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received in the exchange, including a statement of all distributions or other disposition made thereof. The amount of each kind of stock or securities or other property shall be stated on the basis of the fair market value thereof at the date of the exchange;

(iv) A statement of the amount and nature of any liabilities assumed upon the exchange.

The information required by this section shall be filed as a part of the corporation's return for its taxable year within which the reorganization occurred.

(2) Permanent records in substantial form must be kept by every taxpayer who participates in a tax-free exchange in connection with a corporate reorganization showing the cost or other basis of the transferred property and the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received (including any liabilities assumed upon the exchange), in order to facilitate the determination of gain or loss from a subsequent disposition of such stock or securities and other property received from the exchange.

§ 1.371-2 Exchanges by security holders.

(a) *In general.* (1) Section 371(b) prescribes the rules relative to the recognition of gain or loss upon certain exchanges made by the holders of stock or securities of an insolvent corporation in connection with a reorganization described in section 371(a). Under section 371(b)(1), no gain or loss shall be recognized if, pursuant to the plan of reorganization, stock or securities in the insolvent corporation are exchanged solely for stock or securities in the corporation organized or made use of to effectuate such plan. If, in addition to such stock or securities, other property or money is received upon such exchange, gain is recognized to the extent of such other property or money (section 371(b)(2)), but no loss is recognized (section 371(c)). As to the basis of the stock or securities or other property acquired upon an exchange under section 371(b), see section 358.

(2) By thus characterizing as an exchange, and regarding as a single taxable event, the event or series of events resulting in the relinquishment or extinguishment of the stock or securities in the old corporation and the acquisition in consideration thereof, in whole or in part, of stock or securities in the new corporation, the Code secures uniformity of treatment for the participating security holders, regardless of the particular steps or the procedural devices by which such exchange is effected. Thus, the transaction which qualified as a reorganization under section 371(a) may take one of several forms. In a typical creditors' reorganization there may be a transfer of the property of the old corporation to its bondholders, or the bondholders' committee, upon surrender of the bonds, followed by the transfer of such property to the new corporation in consideration of stock in the latter; or there may be a transfer of the bonds to the new corporation in exchange for its stocks or securities, followed by the transfer of the property of the old corporation in consideration of the surrender of its bonds. In either event, section 371(b) treats the result to the participating security holders as an exchange of the securities of the old corporation for securities of the new corporation. In order, however, to qualify as an exchange under section 371(b) the various events resulting in the relinquishment or extinguishment of the old securities and the acquisition of the new securities must be embraced within the plan of reorganization and must be undertaken for reasons germane to the plan. If the event, or series of events, qualifies as an exchange under section 371(b), no antecedent event necessarily a component of the relinquishment or extinguishment of the securities of the old corporation in consideration of the acquisition of the securities of the new corporation shall be considered a transaction or event having consequences for income tax purposes.

(b) *Exchange solely for stock or securities.* Section 371(b)(1) provides that no gain or loss shall be recognized upon an exchange consisting of the relinquishment or extinguishment of stock or securities in an insolvent corporation described in section 371(a), in consideration of the acquisition solely of stock or securities in a corporation organized or made use of to effectuate the plan of reorganization. As used in this section, the term security does not include a short-term note.

(c) *Exchanges for stock or securities and other property or money.* If an exchange would be within section 371(b)(1) if it were not for the fact that the property received in the exchange consists not only of stock or securities in the corporation organized or made use of to effectuate the plan of reorganization, but also of other property or money, then

(1) As provided in section 371(b)(2), the gain, if any, to the taxpayer will be recognized in an amount not in excess of the sum of money and the fair market value of the other property. The gain so recognized shall be treated as capital gain.

(2) The loss, if any, to the taxpayer from such an exchange is not to be recognized to any extent (see section 371(c)).

(d) *Records to be kept and information to be filed.* (1) Every taxpayer who receives stock or securities and other property or money upon an exchange described in section 371(b) in connection with a corporate reorganization, must furnish a complete statement of all facts pertinent to the recognition or nonrecognition of gain or loss upon such exchange, including—

(i) A statement of the cost or other basis of the stock or securities transferred in the exchange, and

(ii) A statement in full of the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received from the exchange, including any liability assumed upon the exchange. The amount of each kind of stock or securities and other property (other than liabilities assumed upon the exchange) received shall be set forth upon the basis of the fair market value thereof at the date of the exchange. The statement shall be incorporated in the taxpayer's income tax return for the taxable year in which the exchange occurs.

(2) Permanent records in substantial form shall be kept by every taxpayer who participates in an exchange described in section 371(b), showing the cost or other basis of the transferred property and the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received (including any liabilities assumed upon the exchange), in order to facilitate the determination of gain or loss from a subsequent disposition of such stock or securities and other property received from the exchange.

§ 1.372-1 Corporations.

(a) If, as the result of a transaction described in section 371, so much of section 371(c) as relates to section 371(a), or the corresponding provisions of prior law, the property of an insolvent corporation is transferred, in pursuance of a plan of reorganization to a corporation organized or made use of to effectuate such plan, the basis of such property in the hands of the acquiring corporation is the same as it would be in the hands of the insolvent corporation, increased in the amount of gain recognized upon such transfer under the law applicable to the year in which the transfer was made. In any such case, the adjustments to basis provided by section 270 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 670), or section 1017 of the Code, shall not be made in respect of any indebtedness cancelled pursuant to the plan of reorganization under which the transfer was made. If the transaction falls within the provisions of section 372(a), the basis of the property involved shall be determined pursuant to such provisions, notwithstanding that the transaction might otherwise fall within another basis provision.

(b) The provisions of section 372(a) are applicable in the determination of basis for all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1933, except that the basis so determined shall not be given effect in the determination of the tax liability for any taxable year beginning prior to January 1, 1943. With the exception indicated, the basis so prescribed is applicable from the date of acquisition of such property. For example, the provisions of section 1016 relating to adjusted basis shall be applied as if section 372(a) were a part of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 and prior internal revenue laws applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1933. Hence, in determining the amount of the adjustments for depreciation, depletion, etc., under the provisions of section 1016(a)(2), the "amount allowable" is the amount computed with reference to the basis provided in section 372(a).

(c) The effect of the application of section 372(a) may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). On January 1, 1935, the Y Corporation, a taxpayer making its returns on the calendar year basis, acquired depreciable property from the X Corporation as the result of a transaction described in section 372(a). On January 1, 1935, the property had, in the hands of the X Corporation, a basis of $200,000, an adjusted basis of $150,000, a fair market value as of January 1, 1935 of $80,000, and an estimated remaining life of 20 years. The 1935 transaction was treated as a taxable exchange and, accordingly, the Y Corporation claimed and was allowed depreciation in the amount of $4,000 for each of the eight taxable years 1935 through 1942, inclusive. For each of the twelve taxable years 1943 through 1954, inclusive, the Y Corporation claimed and was allowed depreciation in the amount of $7,500. On December 31, 1954, the property was sold for $10,000 cash. The amount of the gain realized upon the sale is computed as follows:

Basis to X Corporation		$200,000
Adjustment for depreciation in the hands of X Corporation (sec. 1016)		50,000
Adjusted basis for depreciation in the hands of both X and Y Corporations (sec. 372(b))		150,000
Deduct:		
Depreciation allowable in amount of $7,500 per year (1/20 of $150,000) for 8 years, from Jan. 1, 1935, through Dec. 31, 1942	$60,000	
Depreciation allowable Jan. 1, 1943, to Dec. 31, 1954 (12 years at $7,500)	90,000	
		150,000
Adjusted basis for computing gain or loss		0
Sale price		10,000
Gain realized		10,000

For the taxable year 1943 and succeeding taxable years, the Y Corporation is entitled to deductions for depreciation in respect of such property in the amounts of $7,500 in the determination of its tax liabilities for such years. But no change in the tax liability is authorized for preceding taxable years by reason of the difference between the $7,500 depreciation allowable and the $4,000 deduction previously allowed.

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that the property acquired by the Y Corporation had a fair market value as of January 1, 1935, of $180,000, instead of $80,000, and the Y Corporation claimed and was allowed depreciation in the amount of $9,000 for each of the eight taxable years 1935 to 1942, inclusive, and in the amount of $6,500 for the taxable years 1943 to 1954, inclusive. In such case, the amount of the gain realized upon the sale of the property would be computed as follows:

Adjusted basis for depreciation in the hands of Y Corporation as computed in example (1)		$150,000
Deduct:		
Depreciation allowed in the amount of $9,000 per year for 8 years Jan. 1, 1935 to Dec. 31, 1942	$72,000	
Depreciation allowable Jan. 1, 1943, to Dec. 31, 1954, inclusive (12 times $6,500)	78,000	
		150,000
Adjusted basis for computing gain or loss		0
Sale price		$10,000
Gain realized		10,000

No change in the tax liability is authorized for taxable years preceding 1943 by reason of the difference between the $7,500 depreciation allowable and the $9,000 deduction previously allowed.

§ 1.374-1 Exchanges by insolvent railroad corporations.

(a) *Exchange solely for stock or securities.* (1) Section 374(a)(1) provides for the nonrecognition of gain or loss by an insolvent railroad corporation upon certain exchanges made in connection with the reorganization of the corporation. In order to qualify as a section 374(a) reorganization, the transaction must satisfy the express statutory requirements as well as the underlying assumptions and purposes for which the exchange is excepted from the general rule requiring the recognition of gain or loss upon the exchange of property.

(2) Section 374(a)(1) applies only with respect to a reorganization effected in one of two specified types of court proceedings: (i) Receivership proceedings, or (ii) proceedings under section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 205). The specific statutory requirements are the transfer after July 31, 1955, of property of a railroad corporation, as defined in section 77(m) of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 205(m)), in pursuance of an order of the court having jurisdiction of the corporation in such proceeding, to another railroad corporation, as defined in section 77(m) of the Bankruptcy Act, organized or made use of to effec-

tuate a plan of reorganization approved by the court in such proceeding, in exchange solely for stock or securities in such other railroad corporation. If the consideration for the transfer consists of other property or money as well as stock and securities, see section 374(a)(2) and (3) and paragraph (b) of this section. As to the assumption of liabilities in an exchange described in section 374(a), see section 357 and paragraph (a)(1) and (2) of § 1.357-1 and paragraph (a) of § 1.357-2.

(3) The application of section 374(a)(1) is to be strictly limited to a transaction of the character set forth in such section. Hence, the section is inapplicable unless there is a bona fide plan of reorganization approved by the court having jurisdiction of the proceeding and the transfer of the property of the insolvent railroad corporation is made pursuant to such plan. It is unnecessary that the transfer be a direct transfer from the insolvent railroad corporation; it is sufficient if the transfer is an integral step in the consummation of the reorganization plan approved by the court. By its terms, the section has no application to a reorganization consummated by adjustment of the capital or debt structure of the insolvent railroad corporation without the transfer of its assets to another railroad corporation.

(4) As used in section 374(a)(1), the term "reorganization" is not controlled by the definition of "reorganization" contained in section 368. However, certain basic requirements, implicit in the statute, which are essential to a reorganization under section 368, are likewise essential to qualify a transaction as a reorganization under section 374(a)(1). Among these requirements are a continuity of the business enterprise under the modified corporate form and a continuity of interest therein on the part of those persons who were the owners of the enterprise prior to the reorganization. Thus, the nonrecognition accorded by section 374(a)(1) applies only to a genuine reorganization as distinguished from a liquidation and sale of property to either new or old interests supplying new capital and discharging the obligations of the old railroad corporation. For the purpose of determining whether the requisite continuity of interest exists, the interest of creditors who have, by appropriate legal steps, obtained effective command of the property of an insolvent railroad corporation is considered as the equivalent of a proprietary interest. But the mere possibility of a proprietary interest is not its equivalent. In general, any transaction will be subject to nonrecognition of gain or loss as prescribed by section 374(a)(1) where the property is transferred to a railroad corporation and the stock and securities of such corporation are transferred to persons who were shareholders or creditors of the transferor railroad corporation as if such stock or securities had been transferred to such persons as shareholders pursuant to the nonrecognition provisions of part III, subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code. The determinative and controlling factors are the railroad corporation's insolvency and the effective command by the creditors over its property. The term "insolvent" as used in this section refers to insolvency at any time during the course of the proceeding referred to in section 374(a) (1), either in the sense of excess of liabilities over assets or in the sense of inability to meet obligations as they mature.

(5) A short-term purchase money note is not a security within the meaning of this section, and the transfer of the properties of the insolvent railroad corporation for cash and deferred payment obligations of the transferee evidenced by short-term notes is a sale and not an exchange.

(b) *Exchange for stock or securities and other property or money.* If an exchange would be within the provisions of section 374(a)(1) if it were not for the fact that the consideration for the transfer of the property of the insolvent railroad corporation consists not only of stock or securities but also of other property or money, then, as provided in section 374(a)(2), if the other property or money received by the railroad corporation is distributed by it pursuant to the plan of reorganization, no gain to the railroad corporation will be recognized. Property is distributed within the meaning of this section if it is paid over or distributed to shareholders or creditors who have by appropriate legal steps obtained effective command of the property of the railroad corporation. If the other property or money received by the railroad corporation is not distributed by it pursuant to the plan of reorganization, the gain, if any, to the railroad corporation from the exchange will be recognized in an amount not in excess of the sum of money and the fair market value of the other property so received which is not distributed. In either case no loss from the exchange will be recognized (see section 374(a)(3)). See section 354(c) relative to exchanges by stock or security holders.

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§ 1.374-2 Basis of property acquired after December 31, 1938, by railroad corporation in a receivership or railroad reorganization proceeding.

Section 374(b)(1) provides that if property of a railroad corporation, as defined in section 77(m) of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 205(m)), was acquired after July 31, 1955, in pursuance of an order of the court having jurisdiction of such corporation in either a receivership proceeding or a proceeding under section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act, and the acquiring corporation is also a railroad corporation as defined in section 77(m) of such Act, organized or availed of to effectuate a plan of reorganization approved by the court in such proceeding, the basis shall be the same as it would be in the hands of the transferor railroad corporation, increased in the amount of gain recognized to the transferor under section 374(a)(2) and paragraph (b) of § 1.374-1. For purposes of section 374(b)(1), it is unnecessary that the acquisition in question be a direct transfer from the corporation undergoing reorganization or that such reorganization constitute a reorganization within the meaning of section 368(a) since that section does not apply to part IV, subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code. It is sufficient if the acquisition is in pursuance of an order of the court and is an integral step in the consummation of a reorganization plan approved by the court having jurisdiction of the proceeding. If the transaction falls within the provisions of section 374(b)(1), the basis of the property involved shall be determined pursuant to such provisions, notwithstanding that the transaction might also fall within another basis provision.

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§ 1.374-3 Records to be kept and information to be filed.

(a) *Return information.* Each railroad corporation a party to a section 374(a) reorganization shall furnish a complete statement of all facts pertinent to the recognition or nonrecognition of gain or loss in connection with the exchange, including:

(1) A certified copy of the plan of reorganization approved by the court in the proceeding, together with a statement showing in full the purposes thereof and in detail all transactions incident, or pursuant, to the plan;

(2) A complete statement of the cost or other basis of all property, including all stock or securities, transferred incident to the plan;

(3) A statement of the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received in the exchange, including a statement of all distributions or other disposition made thereof. The amount of each kind of stock or securities or other property shall be stated on the basis of the fair market value thereof at the date of the exchange;

(4) A statement of the amount and nature of any liabilities assumed upon the exchange.

The information required by this paragraph shall be filed as a part of each railroad corporation's return for its taxable year within which the reorganization occurred.

(b) *Permanent records.* Permanent records in substantial form must be kept by every railroad corporation which participates in a tax-free exchange in connection with a section 374(a) reorganization showing the cost or other basis of the transferred property and the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received (including any liabilities assumed upon the exchange), in order to facilitate the determination of gain or loss from a subsequent disposition of such stock or securities and other property received from the exchange.

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§1.374-4 Property acquired by electric railway corporation in corporate reorganizing proceeding.

Subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in section 374(b)(2), if the reorganization under section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 501 and following) of an electric railway corporation results in the acquisition of the property of such corporation by another corporation, the basis of such property in the hands of the acquiring corporation is the same as it would be in the hands of the old corporation. It is requisite to the application of the section that both corporations be street, suburban, or interurban electric railway corporations engaged in the transportation of persons or property in interstate commerce, and that the acquisition is in pursuance of an order of the court and is an integral step in the consummation of a reorgnizing plan approved by the court having jurisidiction of the proceeding. If section 374(b)(2) applies, section 270 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 670), relating to the adjustment of basis by reason of the cancellation or reduction of indebtedness in a corporate reorganization proceeding, is inapplicable. Moreover, if the transaction is within the provisons of section 374(b)(2) and may also be considered to be within any other basis provision, then the provisions of section 374(b)(2) only shall apply.

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CARRYOVERS

§1.381(a)-1 General rule relating to carryovers in certain corporate acquisitions.

(a) *Allowance of carryovers.* Section 381 provides that a corporation which acquires the assets of another corporation in certain liquidations and reorganizations shall succeed to, and take into account, as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer, the items described in section 381(c) of the distributor or transferor corporation. These items shall be taken into account by the acquiring corporation subject to the conditions and limitations specified in sections 381, 382(b), and 383 and the regulations thereunder.

(b) *Determination of transactions and items to which section 381 applies*—(1) *Qualified transactions.* Except to the extent provided in section 381(c)(20), relating to the carryover of unused pension trust deductions in certain liquidations, the items described in section 381(c) are required by section 381 to be carried over to the acquiring corporation (as defined in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph) only in the following liquidations and reorganizations:

(i) The complete liquidation of a subsidiary corporation upon which no gain or loss is recognized in accordance with the provisions of section 332, but only if the basis of the assets distributed to the acquiring corporation is not required by section 334(b)(2) to be the adjusted basis of the stock with respect to which the distribution is made;

(ii) A statutory merger or consolidation qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(A) to which section 361 applies;

(iii) A reorganization qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(C);

(iv) A reorganization qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(D) if the requirements of section 354(b)(1)(A) and (B) are satisfied; and

(v) A mere change in identity, form, or place of organization qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(F).

(2) *Acquiring corporation defined.* (i) Only a single corporation may be an acquiring corporation for purposes of section 381 and the regulations thereunder. The corporation which acquires the assets of its subsidiary corporation in a complete liquidation to which section 381(a)(1) applies is the acquiring corporation for purposes of section 381. Generally, in a transaction to which section 381(a)(2) applies, the acquiring corporation is that corporation which, pursuant to the plan of reorganization, ultimately acquires, directly or indirectly, all of the assets trans-

ferred by the transferor corporation. If, in a transaction qualifying under section 381(a)(2), no one corporation ultimately acquires all of the assets transferred by the transferor corporation, that corporation which directly acquires the assets so transferred shall be the acquiring corporation for purposes of section 381 and the regulations thereunder, even though such corporation ultimately retains none of the assets so transferred. Whether a corporation has acquired all of the assets transferred by the transferor corporation is a question of fact to be determined on the basis of all the facts and circumstances.

(ii) The application of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Y Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of X Corporation, directly acquired all the assets of Z Corporation solely in exchange for voting stock of X Corporation in a transaction qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(C). Y Corporation is the acquiring corporation for purposes of section 381.

Example (2). X Corporation acquired all the assets of Z Corporation solely in exchange for voting stock of X Corporation in a transaction qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(C). Thereafter, pursuant to the plan of reorganization X Corporation transferred all the assets so acquired to Y Corporation, its wholly-owned subsidiary (see section 368(a)(2)(C)). Y Corporation is the acquiring corporation for purposes of section 381.

Example (3). X Corporation acquired all the assets of Z Corporation solely in exchange for the voting stock of X Corporation in a transaction qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(C). Thereafter, pursuant to the plan of reorganization X Corporation transferred one-half of the assets so acquired to Y Corporation, its wholly-owned subsidiary, and retained the other half of such assets. X Corporation is the acquiring corporation for purposes of section 381.

Example (4). X Corporation acquired all the assets of Z Corporation solely in exchange for voting stock of X Corporation in a transaction qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(C). Thereafter, pursuant to the plan of reorganization X Corporation transferred one-half of the assets so acquired to Y Corporation, its wholly-owned subsidiary, and the other half of such assets to M Corporation, another wholly-owned subsidiary of X Corporation. X Corporation is the acquiring corporation for purposes of section 381.

(3) *Transactions and items not covered by section 381.* (i) Section 381 does not apply to partial liquidations, divisive reorganizations, or other transactions not described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph. Moreover, section 381 does not apply to the carryover of an item or tax attribute not specified in subsection (c) thereof. In a case where section 381 does not apply to a transaction, item, or tax attribute by reason of either of the preceding sentences, no inference is to be drawn from the provisions of section 381 as to whether any item or tax attribute shall be taken into account by the successor corporation.

(ii) If, pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, a corporation is considered to be the acquiring corporation even though a part of the acquired assets is transferred to one or more corporations controlled by the acquiring corporation, or all the acquired assets are transferred to two or more corporations controlled by the acquiring corporation, then the carryover of any item described in section 381(c) to such controlled corporation or corporations shall be determined without regard to section 381. Thus, for example, if a parent corporation is the acquiring corporation for purposes of section 381 notwithstanding the fact that, pursuant to the plan of reorganization, it transferred to its wholly-owned subsidiary property acquired from the transferor corporation which the transferor corporation had elected to inventory under the last-in first-out method, then the question whether the subsidiary corporation shall continue to use the same method of inventorying with respect to that property shall be determined without regard to section 381.

(c) *Foreign corporations.* A foreign corporation may be a distributor, transferor, or acquiring corporation for purposes of section 381. Thus, for example, the net operating loss carryovers of a foreign corporation, determined under the provisions of section 172 and subchapter N (section 861 and following), chapter 1 of the Code, may be carried over to a domestic acquiring corporation if the domestic corporation acquires the assets of the foreign corporation in a liquidation or reorganization described in section 381(a) and the requirements of § 1.367-1, if applicable, have been complied with.

(d) *Internal Revenue Code of 1939.* Any reference in the regulations under section 381 to any provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 shall, where appropriate, be deemed also to refer to the corresponding provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939.

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§ 1.381(b)-1 Operating rules applicable to carryovers in certain corporate acquisitions.

(a) *Closing of taxable year*—(1) *In general.* Except in the case of a reorganization qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(F), the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation shall end with the close of the date of distribution or transfer.

(2) *Reorganizations under section 368(a)(1)(F).* In the case of a reorganization qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(F) (whether or not such reorganization also qualifies under any other provision of section 368(a)(1)), the acquiring corporation shall be treated (for purposes of section 381) just as the transferor corporation would have been treated if there had been no reorganization. Thus, the taxable year of the transferor corporation shall not end on the date of transfer merely because of the transfer; a net operating loss of the acquiring corporation for any taxable year ending after the date of transfer shall be carried back in accordance with section 172(b) in computing the taxable income of the transferor corporation for a taxable year ending before the date of transfer; and the tax attributes of the transferor corporation enumerated in section 381(c) shall be taken into account by the acquiring corporation as if there had been no reorganization.

(b) *Date of distribution or transfer.* (1) The date of distribution or transfer shall be that day on which are distributed or transferred all those properties of the distributor or transferor corporation which are to be distributed or transferred pursuant to a liquidation or reorganization described in paragraph (b)(1) of § 1.381(a)-1. If the distribution or transfer of all such properties is not made on one day, then, except as provided in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the date of distribution or transfer shall be that day on which the distribution or transfer of all such properties is completed.

(2) If the distributor or transferor and acquiring corporations file the statements described in subparagraph (3) of this paragraph, the date of distribution or transfer shall be that day as of which (i) substantially all of the properties to be distributed or transferred have been distributed or transferred, and (ii) the distributor or transferor corporation has ceased all operations (other than liquidating activities). Such day also shall be the date of distribution or transfer if the completion of the distribution or transfer is unreasonably postponed beyond the date as of which substantially all the properties to be distributed or transferred have been distributed or transferred and the distributor or transferor corporation has ceased all operations other than liquidating activities. A corporation shall be considered to have distributed or transferred substantially all of its properties to be distributed or transferred even though it retains money or other property in a reasonable amount to pay outstanding debts or preserve the corporation's legal existence. A corporation shall be considered to have ceased all operations, other than liquidating activities, when it ceases to be a going concern and its activities are merely for the purpose of winding up its affairs, paying its debts, and distributing any remaining balance of its money or other properties to its shareholders.

(3) The statements referred to in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph shall specify the day considered to be the date of distribution or transfer and shall specify, as of such date (i) the nature and amount of the total assets which were distributed or transferred and the dates so distributed or transferred, (ii) the nature and amount of the assets not distributed

or transferred and the purpose for which they were retained, and (iii) the date on which the distributor or transferor corporation ceased all operations other than liquidating activities. Such statements shall be attached to the timely filed income tax return of the distributor or transferor corporation for its taxable year ending with such date of distribution or transfer and to the timely filed income tax return of the acquiring corporation for its first taxable year ending after such date, except that, with respect to any income tax return filed before October 11, 1960, any such statement shall be filed before October 11, 1960, with the district director with whom such return is filed.

(4) If—

(i) The last day of the acquiring corporation's taxable year is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, and

(ii) The day specified in subparagraph (1) or (2) of this paragraph as the date of distribution or transfer is the last business day before such Saturday, Sunday, or holiday,

then the last day of the acquiring corporation's taxable year shall be the date of distribution or transfer for purposes of section 381(b) and this section. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "business day" means a day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, and also means a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday if the date of distribution or transfer determined under subparagraph (1) or (2) of this paragraph is such Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

(c) *Return of distributor or transferor corporation.* The distributor or transferor corporation shall file an income tax return for the taxable year ending with the date of distribution or transfer described in paragraph (b) of this section. If the distributor or transferor corporation remains in existence after such date of distribution or transfer, it shall file an income tax return for the taxable year beginning on the day following the date of distribution or transfer and ending with the date on which the distributor or transferor corporation's taxable year would have ended if there had been no distribution or transfer.

(d) *Carryback of net operating losses.* For provisions relating to the carryback of net operating losses of the acquiring corporation, see paragraph (b) of § 1.381(c)(1)-1.

§ 1.381(c)(1)-1 Net operating loss carryovers in certain corporate acquisitions.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* (1) Section 381(c)(1) requires the acquiring corporation to succeed to, and take into account, the net operating loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor corporation. To determine the amount of these carryovers as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer, and to integrate them with any carryovers and carrybacks of the acquiring corporation for purposes of determining the taxable income of the acquiring corporation for taxable years ending after the date of distribution or transfer, it is necessary to apply the provisions of section 172 in accordance with the conditions and limitations of section 381(c)(1) and this section. See also section 382(b) and the regulations thereunder.

(2) The net operating loss carryovers and carrybacks of the acquiring corporation determined as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall be computed without reference to any net operating loss of a distributor or transferor corporation. The net operating loss carryovers of a distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall be determined without reference to any net operating loss of the acquiring corporation.

(3) For purposes of the tax imposed under section 56, the acquiring corporation succeeding to and taking into account any net operating loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor corporation shall also succeed to and take into account along with such net operating loss carryforward any deferred tax liability under section 56(b) and the regulations thereunder attributable to such net operating loss carryover.

(b) *Carryback of net operating losses.* A net operating loss of the acquiring corporation for any taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer shall not be carried back in computing the taxable income of a distributor or transferor corporation. However, a net operating loss of the acquiring corporation for any such taxable year shall be carried back in accordance with section 172(b) in computing the taxable income of the acquiring corporation for a taxable year ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer. If a distributor or transferor corporation remains in existence after the date of distribution or transfer, a net operating loss sustained by it for any taxable year beginning after such date shall be carried back in accordance with section 172(b) in computing the taxable income of such corporation for a taxable year ending on or before that date, but may not be carried back or over in computing the taxable income of the acquiring corporation. This paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). On December 31, 1954, X Corporation merged into Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies, and the charter of Y Corporation continued after the merger. Y Corporation sustained a net operating loss for the calendar year 1955. Y Corporation's net operating loss for 1955 may not be carried back in computing the taxable income of X Corporation but shall be carried back in computing the taxable income of Y Corporation.

Example (2). On December 31, 1954, X Corporation and Y Corporation transferred all their assets to Z Corporation in a statutory consolidation to which section 361 applies. Z Corporation sustained a net operating loss for the calendar year 1955. Z Corporation's net operating loss for 1955 may not be carried back in computing the taxable income of X Corporation or Y Corporation.

Example (3). On December 31, 1954, X Corporation ceased all operations (other than liquidating activities) and transferred substantially all its properties to Y Corporation in a reorganization qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(C). Such properties comprised all of X Corporation's properties which were to be transferred pursuant to the reorganization. In the process of liquidating its assets and winding up its affairs, X Corporation sustained a net operating loss for its taxable year beginning on January 1, 1955. This net operating loss of X Corporation shall be carried back in computing the taxable income of that corporation but may not be carried back or over in computing the taxable income of Y Corporation.

(c) *First taxable year to which carryovers apply.* (1) The net operating loss carryovers available to the distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall first be carried to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after that date. This rule applies irrespective of whether the date of distribution or transfer is on the last day, or any other day, of the acquiring corporation's taxable year. Thus, such net operating loss carryovers shall first be used by the acquiring corporation with respect to the computation of its net operating loss deduction under section 172(a), and its taxable income determined under the provisions of section 172(b)(2), for such first taxable year. However, see paragraph (f) of this section.

(2) The net operating loss carryovers available to the distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall be carried to the acquiring corporation without diminution by reason of the fact that the acquiring corporation does not acquire 100 percent of the assets of the distributor or transferor corporation. Thus, if a parent corporation owning 80 percent of all classes of stock of its subsidiary corporation were to acquire its share of the assets of the subsidiary corporation upon a complete liquidation described in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of § 1.381(a)-1, then, subject to the conditions and limitations of this section, 100 percent of the net operating loss carryovers available to the subsidiary corporation as of the close of the date of distribution would be carried over to the parent corporation.

(d) *Limitation on net operating loss deduction for first taxable year ending after date of distribution or transfer.* (1) That part of the acquiring corporation's net operating loss deduction, determined in accordance with sections 172(a) and 381(c)(1), for its first taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer which is attributable to the net operating loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor corporation, is limited by section 381(c)(1)(B) and this paragraph to an amount equal to the acquiring corporation's postacquisition part year taxable income. Such postacquisition part year taxable income is the amount which bears the same ratio to the acquiring corporation's taxable income for the first taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer (determined under section 63 without regard to any net operating loss deduction but taking into account other items to which the acquiring corporation succeeds under section 381) as the number of days in such first taxable year which follow the date of distribution or transfer bears to the total number of days in such taxable year. Thus, if the date of distribution or transfer is the last day of the acquiring corporation's taxable year, the net operating loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor are allowed in full in computing under section 172(a) the net operating loss deduction of the acquiring corporation for its first taxable year ending after that date. In such instance, the number of days in the first taxable year which follow the date of distribution or transfer is the total number of days in such taxable year.

(2) The limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) applies solely for the purpose of computing the net operating loss deduction of the acquiring corporation under section 172(a) for the acquiring corporation's first taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer. The limitation does not apply for purposes of determining the portion of any net operating loss (whether of the distributor, transferor, or acquiring corporation) which may be carried to any taxable year of the acquiring corporation following its first taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer since such determination is made pursuant to section 172(b) and section 381(c)(1)(C). See paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section.

(3) The limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) shall be applied to the aggregate of the allowable net operating loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor corporation without reference to the taxable years in which the net operating losses were sustained by such corporation. If the acquiring corporation has acquired the assets of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on the same date of distribution or transfer, then the limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) shall be applied to the aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers from all of such distributor or transferor corporations.

(4) If the acquiring corporation succeeds to the net operating loss carryovers of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on two or more different dates of distribution or transfer within one taxable year of the acquiring corporation, the limitation to be applied under section 381(c)(1)(B) to the aggregate of such carryovers shall be governed by the rules prescribed in paragraph (b) of § 1.381(c)(1)-2.

(5) *Illustrations.* The application of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). (i) X Corporation and Y Corporation were organized on January 1, 1956, and make their returns on the calendar year basis. On December 16, 1957, X Corporation transferred all its assets to Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The net operating losses and taxable income (computed without the net operating loss deduction) of the two corporations are as follows, the assumption being made that none of the modifications specified in section 172(b)(2)(A) apply to any taxable year:

Taxable year	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
1956	($35,000)	($5,000)
Ending 12-16-57	(30,000)	xxx
1957	xxx	36,500

(ii) The aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers of X Corporation carried under section 381(c)(1)(A) to Y Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1957, is $65,000; but pursuant to section 381(c)(1)(B), only $1,500 of such aggregate amount ($36,500× 15/365) may be used in computing the net operating loss deduction of Y Corporation for such taxable year under section 172(a). This limitation applies even though Y Corporation's own net operating loss carryover to such year is only $5,000, with the result that Y Corporation has taxable income under section 63 of $30,000 for its taxable year ending December 31, 1957, that is, $36,500 less the sum of $5,000 and $1,500.

(iii) For rules determining the portion of any given loss of X Corporation or Y Corporation which may be carried to a taxable year of Y Corporation following its taxable year ending December 31, 1957, see sections 172(b)(2) and 381(c)(1)(C) and paragraph (f) of this section.

Example (2). (i) X Corporation was organized on January 1, 1954, and Y Corporation was organized on January 1, 1956. Each corporation makes its return on the basis of the calendar year. On December 31, 1956, X Corporation transferred all its assets to Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The net operating losses and the taxable income (computed without any net operating loss deduction) of the two corporations are as follows, the assumption being made that none of the modifications specified in section 172(b)(2)(A) apply to any taxable year:

Taxable year	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
1954	($5,000)	xxx
1955	(15,000)	xxx
1956	(10,000)	$20,000
1957	xxx	40,000

(ii) The aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers of X Corporation carried under section 381(c)(1)(A) to Y Corporation's taxable year 1957 is $30,000, and the full amount of such carryovers is allowed in such taxable year to Y Corporation as a deduction under section 172(a), since such amount does not exceed the limitation ($40,000× 365/365) for such taxable year under section 381(c)(1)(B).

Example (3). (i) X Corporation, Y Corporation, and Z Corporation were organized on January 1, 1954, and each corporation makes its return on the basis of the calendar year. On September 30, 1956, X Corporation and Y Corporation transferred all their assets to Z Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The net operating losses and the taxable income (computed without any net operating loss deduction) of the three corporations are as follows, the assumption being made that none of the modifications specified in section 172(b)(2)(A) apply to any taxable year:

Taxable year	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (transferor)	Z Corporation (acquirer)
1954	($5,000)	($3,000)	($40,000)
1955	(4,000)	(2,000)	10,000
Ending 9-30-56	(1,000)	(9,000)	xxx
1956	xxx	xxx	73,200

(ii) The aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers of X Corporation and Y Corporation carried under section 381(c)(1)(A) to Z Corporation's taxable year 1956 is $24,000; but, pursuant to section 381(c)(1)(B), only $18,400 of such aggregate amount ($73,200× 92/366) may be used in computing the net operating loss deduction of Z Corporation for such taxable year under section 172(a). For this purpose, Z Corporation may not use the total of the aggregate carryovers ($10,000) from X Corporation plus the aggregate carryovers ($14,000) from Y Corporation, even though each such aggregate of carryovers is separately less than the limitation ($18,400) applicable under section 381(c)(1)(B) and this section.

(iii) For rules determining the portion of any given loss of X Corporation, Y Corporation, or Z Corporation which may be carried to a taxable year of Z Corporation following its taxable year ending December 31, 1956, see sections 172(b)(2) and 381(c)(1)(C) and paragraph (f) of this section.

(e) *Computation of carryovers and carrybacks; general rule*—(1) *Sequence for applying losses and computation of taxable income.* The portion of any net operating loss which is carried back or carried over to any taxable year is the excess, if any, of the amount of the loss over the sum of the taxable income for each of the prior taxable years to which the loss may be carried under sections 172(b)(1) and 381. In determining the taxable income for each such prior taxable year for this purpose, the various net operating loss carryovers and carrybacks to such prior taxable year are considered to be applied in reduction of the taxable income in the order of the taxable years in which the net operating losses are sustained, beginning with the loss for the earliest taxable year. The application of this rule to the taxable income of the acquiring corporation for any taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer involves the use of carryovers of the distributor or transfer corporation, and of carryovers and carrybacks of the acquiring corporation.

In such instance, the sequence for the use of loss years remains the same, and the requirement is to begin with the net operating loss of the earliest taxable year, whether or not it is a loss of the distributor, transferor, or acquiring corporation. The taxable income of the acquiring corporation for any taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer shall be determined in the manner prescribed by section 172(b)(2), except that, if the date of distribution or transfer is on a day other than the last day of a taxable year of the acquiring corporation, the taxable income of such corporation for the taxable year which includes such date shall be computed in the special manner prescribed by section 381(c)(1)(C) and paragraph (f) of this section.

(2) *Loss year of transferor or distributor considered prior taxable year.* Section 381(c)(1)(C) provides that, for the purpose of determining the net operating loss carryovers under section 172(b)(2), a net operating loss for a loss year of a distributor or transferor corporation which ends on or before the last day of a loss year of the acquiring corporation shall be considered to be a net operating loss for a year prior to such loss year of the acquiring corporation. In a case where the acquiring corporation has acquired the assets of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on the same date of distribution or transfer, the loss years of the distributor or transferor corporations shall be taken into account in the order in which such loss years terminate; if any one of the loss years of a distributor or transferor corporation ends on the same day as the loss year of another distributor or transferor corporation, either loss year may be taken into account before the other.

(3) *Years to which losses may be carried.* The taxable years to which a net operating loss shall be carried back or carried over are prescribed by section 172(b)(1). Since the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ends with the close of the date of distribution or transfer, such taxable year and the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation which ends after that date shall be considered two separate taxable years to which a net operating loss of the distributor or transferor corporation for any taxable year ending before that date may be carried over. This rule applies even though the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation which ends on the date of distribution or transfer is a period of less than twelve months. However, for the purpose of determining under section 172(b)(1) the taxable years to which a net operating loss of the acquiring corporation is carried over or carried back, the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation which ends after the date of distribution or transfer shall be treated as only one taxable year even though such taxable year is considered under section 381(c)(1)(C) and paragraph (f)(2) of this section as two taxable years. The application of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X Corporation was organized on January 1, 1954, and thereafter it sustained net operating losses in its calendar years 1954, 1955, and 1956. On June 30, 1957, X Corporation transferred all its assets to Y Corporation, which was organized on January 1, 1955, in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. In its taxable year ending June 30, 1957, X Corporation sustained a net operating loss. Y Corporation sustained net operating losses in its calendar years 1955, 1956, and 1958, but had taxable income for the year 1957. The years to which these losses of X Corporation and Y Corporation shall be carried, and the sequence in which carried, are as follows:

Loss year	
X 1954	X 1955, X 1956, X 6/30/57, Y 1957, Y 1958.
X 1955	X 1954, X 1956, X 6/30/57, Y 1957, Y 1958, Y 1959.
Y 1955	Y 1956, Y 1957, Y 1958, Y 1959, Y 1960.
X 1956	X 1954, X 1955, X 6/30/57, Y 1957, Y 1958, Y 1959, Y 1960.
Y 1956	Y 1955, Y 1957, Y 1958, Y 1959, Y 1960, Y 1961.
X 6-30-57	X 1955, X 1956, Y 1957, Y 1958, Y 1959, Y 1960, Y 1961.
Y 1958	Y 1955, Y 1956, Y 1957, Y 1959, Y 1960, Y 1961, Y 1962, Y 1963.

(4) *Computation of carryovers in a case where the date of distribution or transfer occurs on last day of acquir-*

ing corporation's taxable year. The computation of the net operating loss carryovers from the distributor or transferor corporation and from the acquiring corporation in a case where the date of distribution or transfer occurs on the last day of a taxable year of the acquiring corporation may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X Corporation and Y Corporation were organized on January 1, 1955, and each corporation makes its return on the basis of the calendar year. On December 31, 1956, X Corporation transferred all its assets to Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The net operating losses and the taxable income (computed without any net operating loss deduction) of the two corporations are as follows, the assumption being made that none of the modifications specified in section 172(b)(2)(A) apply to any taxable year:

Taxable year	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
1955	($2,000)	($11,000)
1956	(3,000)	10,000
1957	xxx	(15,000)

The sequence in which the losses of X Corporation and Y Corporation are applied, and the computation of the carryovers to Y Corporation's calendar year 1958, may be illustrated as follows:

(i) *X Corporation's 1955 loss.* The carryover to 1958 is $2,000, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$2,000
Less:		
X's 1956 taxable income	0	
Y's 1957 taxable income	0	
		0
Carryover		2,000

(ii) *Y Corporation's 1955 loss.* The carryover to 1958 is $1,000, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$11,000
Less:		
Y's 1956 taxable income	$10,000	
Y's 1957 taxable income	0	
		10,000
Carryover		1,000

(iii) *X Corporation's 1956 loss.* The carryover to 1958 is $3,000, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$3,000
Less:		
X's 1955 taxable income	0	
Y's 1957 taxable income	0	
		0
Carryover		3,000

(iv) *Y Corporation's 1957 loss.* The carryover to 1958 is $15,000, computed as follows:

Net operating loss			$15,000
Less:			
Y's 1955 taxable income		0	
Y's 1956 taxable income before net operating loss deduction	$10,000		
Minus Y's 1956 net operating loss deduction (i.e., Y's 1955 carryover)	11,000		
		0	
			0
Carryover			15,000

(v) *Summary of carryovers to 1958.* The aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers to 1958 is $21,000, computed as follows:

X's 1955 loss	$2,000
Y's 1955 loss	1,000
X's 1956 loss	3,000
Y's 1957 loss	15,000
Total	21,000

(f) *Computation of carryovers and carrybacks when date of distribution or transfer is not on last day of acquiring corporation's taxable year*—(1) *General rule.* Pursuant to the provisions of section 381(c)(1)(C), the taxable income of the acquiring corporation for its taxable year which is a prior taxable year for purposes of section 172(b)(2) and paragraph (e) of this section shall be determined in the manner prescribed in this paragraph, if the date of distribution or transfer occurs within, but not on the last day of, such taxable year.

(2) *Taxable year considered as two taxable years.* Such taxable year of the acquiring corporation shall be considered as though it were two taxable years, but only for the limited purpose of applying section 172(b)(2). The first of such two taxable years shall be referred to in this section as the preacquisition part year; the second, as the postacquisition part year. For purposes of section 172(b)(2), a net operating loss of the acquiring corporation

shall be carried to the preacquisition part year and then to the postacquisition part year, whereas a net operating loss of a distributor or transferor corporation shall be carried to the postacquisition part year and then to the acquiring corporation's subsequent taxable years. In determining under section 172(b)(2) and this paragraph the portion of any net operating loss of a distributor or transferor corporation which is carried to any taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the postacquisition part year, the taxable income (as determined under this paragraph) of the postacquisition part year shall be taken into account but the taxable income of the preacquisition part year (as so determined) shall not be taken into account. Though considered as two separate taxable years for purposes of section 172(b)(2), the preacquisition part year and the postacquisition part year are treated as one taxable year in determining the years to which a net operating loss is carried under section 172(b)(1). See paragraph (e)(3) of this section.

(3) *Preacquisition part year.* The preacquisition part year shall begin with the beginning of such taxable year of the acquiring corporation and shall end with the close of the date of distribution or transfer.

(4) *Postacquisition part year.* The postacquisition part year shall begin with the day following the date of distribution or transfer and shall end with the close of such taxable year of the acquiring corporation.

(5) *Division of taxable income.* The taxable income for such taxable year (computed with the modifications specified in section 172(b)(2)(A) but without any net operating loss deduction) of the acquiring corporation shall be divided between the preacquisition part year and the postacquisition part year in proportion to the number of days in each. Thus, if in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies Y Corporation acquires the assets of X Corporation on June 30, 1960, and Y Corporation has taxable income (computed in the manner so prescribed) of $36,600 for its calendar year 1960, then the preacquisition part year taxable income would be $18,200 ($36,600× 182/366) and the postacquisition part year taxable income would be $18,400 ($36,600× 184/366).

(6) *Net operating loss deduction.* After obtaining the taxable income of the preacquisition part year and of the postacquisition part year in the manner described in subparagraph (5) of this paragraph, it is necessary to compute the net operating loss deduction for each such part year. This deduction shall be determined in the manner prescribed by section 172(b)(2)(B) but subject to the provisions of this subparagraph. The net operating loss deduction for the preacquisition part year shall, for purposes of section 172(b)(2) only, be determined in the same manner as that prescribed by section 172(b)(2)(B) but shall be computed without taking into account any net operating loss of the distributor or transferor corporation. Therefore, only net operating loss carryovers and carrybacks of the acquiring corporation to the preacquisition part year shall be taken into account in computing the net operating loss deduction for such part year. The net operating loss deduction for the postacquisition part year shall, for purposes of section 172(b)(2) only, be determined in the same manner as that prescribed by section 172(b)(2)(B) and shall be computed by taking into account all the net operating loss carryovers available to the distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer, as well as the net operating loss carryovers and carrybacks of the acquiring corporation to the postacquisition part year. The sequence in which the net operating losses of the two corporations shall be applied for purposes of this subparagraph shall be determined in the manner prescribed in paragraph (e) of this section.

(7) *Limitation on taxable income.* In no case shall the taxable income of the preacquisition part year or the postacquisition part year, as computed under this paragraph, be considered to be less than zero.

(8) *Cross reference.* If the acquiring corporation succeeds to the net operating loss carryovers of two or more distributors or transferor corporations on two or more dates of distribution or

transfer during the same taxable year of the acquiring corporation, the determination of the taxable income of the acquiring corporation for such year pursuant to section 381(c)(1)(C) shall be governed by the rules prescribed in paragraph (c) of § 1.381(c)(1)-2.

(9) *Illustration.* The application of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example—(i) *Facts.* X Corporation was organized on January 1, 1955, and Y Corporation was organized on January 1, 1954. Each corporation makes its return on the basis of the calendar year. On June 30, 1956, X Corporation transferred all its assets to Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The net operating losses and the taxable income (computed without any net operating loss deduction) of the two corporations are as follows, the assumption being made that none of the modifications specified in section 172(b)(2)(A) apply to any taxable year:

Taxable year	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
1954	xxx	($5,000)
1955	($65,000)	(20,000)
Ending June 30, 1956	1,000	xxx
1956	xxx	36,600

(ii) *Y Corporation's 1954 loss.* The carryover to 1957 is $0, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$5,000
Less:		
Y's 1955 taxable income		0
Carryover to Y's preacquisition part year		5,000
Less:		
Y's preacquisition part year taxable income computed under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph ($36,600× 182/366)	$18,200	
Minus Y's net operating loss deduction for preacquisition part year	xxx	18,200
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year and also to Y 1957		0

(iii) *X Corporation's 1955 loss.* The carryover to 1957 is $45,600, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$65,000
Less:		
X's 6/30/56 year taxable income		1,000
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year		64,000
Less:		
Y's postacquisition part year taxable income computed under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph ($36,600 × 184/366)	$18,400	
Minus Y's net operating loss deduction for postacquisition part year (i.e., Y's 1954 carryover of $0 to such part year)		$18,400
Carryover to Y 1957		45,600

(iv) *Y Corporation's 1955 loss.* The carryover to 1957 is $6,800, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$20,000
Less:		
Y's 1954 taxable income		0
Carryover to Y's preacquisition part year		20,000
Less:		
Y's preacquisition part year taxable income computed under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph	$18,200	
Minus Y's net operating loss deduction for preacquisition part year (i.e., Y's 1954 carryover to such part year)	5,000	
		13,200
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year		6,800
Less:		
Y's postacquisition part year taxable income computed under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph	$18,400	
Minus Y's net operating loss deduction for postacquisition part year (i.e., Y's 1954 carryover of $0, and X's 1955 carryover of $64,000, to such part year)	64,000	
		0
Carryover to Y 1957		6,800

(v) *Summary of carryovers to 1957.* The aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers to 1957 is $52,400, determined as follows:

Y's 1954 loss	0
X's 1955 loss	$45,600
Y's 1955 loss	6,800
Total	52,400

(g) *Successive acquiring corporations.* An acquiring corporation which, in a distribution or transfer to which section 381(a) applies, acquires the assets of a distributor or transferor corporation which previously acquired the assets of another corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, shall succeed to and take into account, subject to the conditions and limitations of sections 172 and 381, the net operating loss carryovers available to the first acquiring corporation under sections 172 and 381.

(h) *Illustration.* The application of this section may be further illustrated by the following example:

Example—(1) *Facts.* X Corporation was organized on January 1, 1954, and Y Corporation was organized on January 1, 1955. Each corporation makes its return on the basis of the calendar year. On August 31, 1957, X Corporation transferred all its assets to Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The net operating losses and the taxable income of the two corporations for the taxable years involved are set forth in the tabulation below. The taxable income so shown is computed without the modifications required by section 172(b)(2)(A) and without the benefit of any net operating loss deduction. In its calendar year 1957, Y Corporation had a deduction of $365 which is disallowed by section 172(b)(2)(A).

Taxable year	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
1954	($7,000)	xxx
1955	(10,000)	($10,000)
1956	(25,000)	(15,000)
Ending 8-31-57	1,000	xxx
1957	xxx	54,750
1958	xxx	(5,000)
1959	xxx	50,000

(2) *Computation of carryovers and carrybacks.* The sequence in which the losses of X Corporation and Y Corporation are applied and the computation of the carryovers to Y Corporation's calendar year 1959 may be illustrated as follows:

(i) *X Corporation's 1954 loss.* The carryover to 1958, which is the last year to which this loss may be carried, is $0, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$7,000
Less:		
X's 1955 taxable income	0	
X's 1956 taxable income	0	
		0
Carryover to X's 8/31/57-year		7,000
Less:		
X's 8/31/57-year taxable income		1,000
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year		6,000
Less:		
Y's postacquisition part year taxable income computed under paragraph (f)(5) of this section (($54,750+$365) × 122/365)	$18,422	
Minus Y's net operating loss deduction for postacquisition part year	xxx	
		18,422
Carryover to Y 1958		0

(ii) *X Corporation's 1955 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $0, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$10,000
Less:		
X's 1954 taxable income	0	
X's 1956 taxable income	0	
		0
Carryover to X's 8/31/57-year		10,000
Less:		
X's 8/31/57-year taxable income before net operating loss deduction	$1,000	
Minus X's net operating loss deduction for 8/31/57-year (i.e., X's 1954 carryover)	7,000	
		0
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year		10,000
Less:		
Y's postacquisition part year taxable income computed under paragraph (f)(5) of this section	$18,422	
Minus Y's net operating loss deduction for postacquisition part year (i.e., X's 1954 carryover to such part year)	6,000	
		12,422
Carryover to Y 1958 and Y 1959		0

(iii) *Y Corporation's 1955 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $0, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$10,000
Less:		
Y's 1956 taxable income		0
Carryover to Y's preacquisition part year		10,000
Less:		
Y's preacquisition part year taxable income computed under paragraph (f)(5) of this section (($54,750+$365) × 243/365)	$36,693	
Minus Y's net operating loss deduction for preacquisition part year	xxx	
		36,693
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year, to Y 1958, and to Y 1959		0

(iv) *X Corporation's 1956 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $22,578, computed as follows:

Net operating loss			$25,000
Less:			
X's 1954 taxable income		0	
X's 1955 taxable income		0	
X's 8/31/57-year taxable income before net operating loss deduction	$1,000		

Minus X's net operating loss deduction for 8/31/57-year (i.e., X's 1954 carryover of $7,000 and X's 1955 carryover of $10,000)	$17,000	0	0
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year			$25,000
Less:			
Y's postacquisition part year taxable income computed under paragraph (f)(5) of this section		$18,422	
Minus Y's net operating loss deduction for postacquisition part year (i.e., X's 1954 carryover of $6,000, X's 1955 carryover of $10,000 and Y's 1955 carryover of $0, to such part year)		16,000	
			2,422
Carryover to Y 1958			22,578
Less:			
Y's 1958 taxable income			0
Carryover to Y 1959			22,578

(v) *Y Corporation's 1956 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $0, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$15,000
Less:		
Y's 1955 taxable income		0
Carryover to Y's preacquisition part year		15,000
Less:		
Y's preacquisition part year taxable income computed under paragraph (f)(5) of this section	$36,693	
Minus Y's net operating loss deduction for preacquisition part year (i.e., Y's 1955 carryover to such part year)	10,000	
		26,693
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year, to Y 1958, and to Y 1959		0

(vi) *Y Corporation's 1958 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $0, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$5,000
Less:		
Y's 1955 taxable income [1]	0	
Y's 1956 taxable income	0	
		0
Carryback to Y's preacquisition part year		$5,000
Less:		
Y's preacquisition part year taxable income computed under paragraph (f)(5) of this section	$36,693	
Minus Y's net operating loss deduction for preacquisition part year (i.e., Y's 1955 carryover of $10,000, and Y's 1956 carryover of $15,000, to such part year)	25,000	
		11,693
Carryback to Y's postacquisition part year and carryover to Y 1959		0

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[1] Three-year carryback in case of loss years ending after December 31, 1957.

(vii) *Summary of carryovers to 1959.* The aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers to 1959 is $22,578, computed as follows:

X's 1955 loss	0
Y's 1955 loss	0
X's 1956 loss	$22,578
Y's 1956 loss	0
Y's 1958 loss	0
Total	22,578

(3) *Net operating loss deduction for 1957.* (i) The net operating loss deduction available to Y Corporation under section 172(a) for the calendar year 1957, determined in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, is $48,300, computed as follows:

Aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers available to the transferor corporation as of the close of August 31, 1957, but limited by paragraph (d) of this section to $18,300 (Y's 1957 taxable income of $54,750, computed without any net operating loss deduction, multiplied by 122/365)		
Carryover of X's 1954 loss	$6,000	
Carryover of X's 1955 loss	10,000	
Carryover of X's 1956 loss	25,000	
	$41,000	
Aggregate of carryovers, limited as above		$18,300
Carryover of Y's 1955 loss		10,000
Carryover of Y's 1956 loss		15,000
Carryback of Y's 1958 loss		5,000
Net operating loss deduction		48,800

(ii) The taxable income under section 63 for 1957 is $6,450, computed as follows:

Taxable income determined without any net operating loss deduction	$54,750
Less:	
Net operating loss deduction for 1957, as determined under subdivision (i) of this subparagraph	$48,300
Taxable income under section 63	6,450

(4) *Net operating loss deduction for 1959.* The taxable income under section 63 for 1959 is $27,422, computed as follows:

Taxable income determined without any net operating loss deduction	$50,000
Less:	
Net operating loss deduction for 1959 (i.e., the aggregate carryovers determined under subparagraph (2)(vii) of this paragraph)	22,578
Taxable income under section 63	27,422

(5) *Years to which losses may be carried.* The taxable years to which the losses of X Corporation and Y Corporation may be carried, and the sequence in which carried, are as follows:

Loss year	Carried to
X 1954	X 1955, X 1956, X 8/31/57, Y 1957, Y 1958.
X 1955	X 1954, X 1956, X 8/31/57, Y 1957, Y 1958, Y 1959.
Y 1955	Y 1956, Y 1957, Y 1958, Y 1959, Y 1960.
X 1956	X 1954, X 1955, X 8/31/57, Y 1957, Y 1958, Y 1959, Y 1960.
Y 1956	Y 1955, Y 1957, Y 1958, Y 1959, Y 1960, Y 1961.
Y 1958	Y 1955, Y 1956, Y 1957, Y 1959, Y 1960, Y 1961, Y 1962, Y 1963.

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§ 1.381(c)(1)-2 Net operating loss carryovers; two or more dates of distribution or transfer in the taxable year.

(a) *In general.* If the acquiring corporation succeeds to the net operating loss carryovers of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on two or more dates of distribution or transfer within one taxable year of the acquiring corporation, the limitation to be applied under section 381(c)(1)(B) to the aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers to that taxable year from all of the distributor or transferor corporations shall be determined by applying the rules prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section, and the taxable income of the acquiring corporation for that taxable year under sections 381(c)(1)(C) and 172(b)(2) shall be determined by applying the rules prescribed in paragraph (c) of this section. For purposes of this section, the term "postacquisition income" means postacquisition part year taxable income determined under paragraph (d)(1) of § 1.381(c)(1)-1 by treating the first date of distribution or transfer as though it were the only date of distribution or transfer during the taxable year of the acquiring corporation.

(b) *Determination of limitation under section 381(c)(1)(B)*—(1) *In general.* If the acquiring corporation succeeds to the net operating loss carryovers of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on two or more dates of distribution or transfer during the same taxable year of the acquiring corporation, and if the amount of the net operating loss carryovers acquired on the first date of distribution or transfer equals or exceeds the postacquisition income, then the limitation under section 381(c)(1)(B) shall be an amount equal to such postacquisition income. If the amount of the net operating loss carryovers acquired on the first date of distribution or transfer is less than such postacquisition income, then the limitation under section 381(c)(1)(B) shall be determined as provided in subparagraphs (2) through (5) of this paragraph.

(2) *Allocation of postacquisition income among partial postacquisition years.* That part of the taxable year of the acquiring corporation beginning on the day following the first date of distribution or transfer and ending with the close of the taxable year of the acquiring corporation shall be divided into the same number of partial postacquisition years as the number of dates of distribution or transfer on which the acquiring corporation succeeds to net operating loss carryovers during its taxable year. The first partial postacquisition year shall begin with the day following the first date of distribution or transfer and shall end with the close of the second date of distribution or transfer. The second and succeeding partial postacquisition years shall begin with the day following the close of the preceding such partial year and shall end with the close of the succeeding date of distribution or transfer, or, if there is no such succeeding date, then with the close of the taxable year of the acquiring corporation. The postacquisition income of the acquiring corporation shall be allocated among the partial postacquisition years in proportion to the number of days in each such partial year.

(3) *Two dates of distribution or transfer.* If the acquiring corporation succeeds to the net operating loss carryovers of two distributor or transferor corporations on two dates of distribution or transfer during the same taxable year of the acquiring corporation, and if the amount of the net operating loss carryovers acquired on the first date equals or exceeds the income for the first partial postacquisition year, the limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) shall be the amount of the postacquisition income. If the income for the first partial postacqui-

sition year exceeds the net operating loss carryovers acquired on the first date of distribution or transfer, the limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) shall be the amount of the postacquisition income reduced by the amount of such excess. The application of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (i) X Corporation has taxable income (computed without any net operating loss deduction) of $36,500 for its calendar year 1955. During 1955, X Corporation acquires the assets of Y and Z Corporations in statutory mergers to each of which section 361 applies, the dates of transfer being January 1 and December 1, respectively. The net operating loss carryovers of each transferor corporation and the income for each partial postacquisition year are:

Corp.	Carryovers	Income for partial years	Reduction
Y	$1,000	$33,400 ($36,500×334/365)	$32,400
Z	50,000	3,000 ($36,500×30/365)	0
	51,000	36,400	32,400

(ii) The limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) equals the postacquisition income of $36,400 reduced by $32,400, the excess of the income for the first partial year ($33,400) over the net operating loss carryovers acquired on the first date of transfer ($1,000). Accordingly, the limitation is $4,000 ($36,400 minus $32,400). Therefore, although X Corporation acquired carryovers aggregating $51,000 during 1955, it can utilize only $4,000 of such carryovers in computing its net operating loss deduction for 1955.

(4) *Three dates of distribution or transfer.* If the acquiring corporation succeeds to the net operating loss carryovers of three distributor or transferor corporations on three dates of distribution or transfer during the same taxable year of the acquiring corporation, and if the amount of the net operating loss carryovers acquired on the first date equals or exceeds the income for the first and second partial postacquisition years, the limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) shall be the amount of the postacquisition income. If the amount of the carryovers acquired on the first date equals or exceeds the income for the first partial postacquisition year but does not equal or exceed the income for the first and second partial postacquisition years, the limitation shall be the amount of the postacquisition income reduced by the excess of the income for the first and second partial postacquisition years over the amount of carryovers acquired on the first and second dates of distribution or transfer. If the income for the first partial postacquisition year exceeds the carryovers acquired on the first date, the limitation shall be the postacquisition income reduced by the sum of the amount of such excess plus the amount, if any, by which the income for the second partial postacquisition year exceeds the carryovers acquired on the second date. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). (i) X Corporation has taxable income (computed without any net operating loss deduction) of $36,500 for its calendar year 1955. During 1955, X Corporation acquires the assets of M, N, and Z Corporations in statutory mergers to each of which section 361 applies, the dates of transfer being January 1, January 31, and December 1, respectively. The net operating loss carryovers of each transferor corporation and the income for each partial postacquisition year are:

Corp.	Carryovers	Income for partial years	Reduction
M	$4,000	$3,000 ($36,500×30/365)	$23,400
N	6,000	30,400 ($36,500×304/365)	
Z	50,000	3,000 ($36,500×30/365)	0
	60,000	36,400	23,400

(ii) Since the carryovers of $4,000 acquired on the first date of transfer exceed the income for the first partial year ($3,000), the limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) is the amount of the postacquisition income ($36,400) reduced by the excess of the income for the first and second partial years ($33,400) over the carryovers acquired on the first and second dates of transfer ($10,000). Therefore, the limitation is $13,000 ($36,400 less $23,400).

Example (2). (i) Assume the same facts as in example (1) except that the amount of the net operating loss carryovers acquired from M Corporation is $1,000. The net operating loss carryovers of each transferor corporation and the income for each partial postacquisition year are:

Corp.	Carryovers	Income for partial years	Reduction
M..............	$1,000	$3,000 ($36,500×30/365)	$2,000
N..............	6,000	30,400 ($36,500×304/365)	24,400
Z..............	50,000	3,000 ($36,500×30/365)	0
	57,000	36,400	26,400

(ii) Since the income for the first partial year ($3,000) exceeds the $1,000 of carryovers acquired on the first date by $2,000, the limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) is the postacquisition income of $36,400 reduced by such excess and also reduced by the excess of the income for the second partial year ($30,400) over the carryovers acquired on the second date of transfer ($6,000). Therefore, the limitation is $10,000 ($36,400 less the sum of $2,000 and $24,400).

Example (3). (i) Assume the same facts as in example (2) except that the carryovers acquired from N Corporation are $75,000. The net operating loss carryovers of each transferor corporation and the income for each partial postacquisition year are:

Corp.	Carryovers	Income for partial years	Reduction
M..............	$1,000	$3,000 ($36,500×30/365)	$2,000
N..............	75,000	30,400 ($36,500×304/365)	0
Z..............	50,000	3,000 ($36,500×30/365)	0
	126,000	36,400	2,000

(ii) Since the income for the first partial year ($3,000) exceeds the $1,000 of carryovers acquired on the first date by $2,000, the limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) is the postacquisition income of $36,400 reduced by $2,000, or $34,400. No further reduction is made since the income for the second partial year ($30,400) does not exceed the carryovers of $75,000 acquired on the second date of transfer.

(5) *Four or more dates of distribution or transfer.* If the acquiring corporation succeeds to the net operating loss carryovers of four or more distributor or transferor corporations on four or more dates of distribution or transfer during the same taxable year of the acquiring corporation, the limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) shall be determined consistently with the methods prescribed in subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this paragraph. The application of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (i) X Corporation has taxable income (computed without any net operating loss deduction) of $36,500 for its calendar year 1955. During 1955, X Corporation acquired the assets of M, N, O, Y, and Z Corporations in statutory mergers to each of which section 361 applied, the dates of transfer being, respectively, January 1, January 31, March 3, April 2, and December 1. The net operating loss carryovers of each transferor corporation and the income for each partial postacquisition year are:

Corp.	Carryovers	Income for partial years	Reduction
M..............	$1,000	$3,000 ($36,500×30/365)	$2,000
N..............	4,000	3,100 ($36,500×31/365)	
O..............	1,000	3,000 ($36,500×30/365)	1,100
Y..............	10,000	24,300 ($36,500×243/365)	14,300
Z..............	20,000	3,000 ($36,500×30/365)	0
	36,000	36,400	17,400

(ii) The limitation provided by section 381(c)(1)(B) equals the postacquisition income of $36,400 reduced by the sum of (a) the $2,000 excess of the income for the first partial year ($3,000) over the carryovers acquired from M Corporation ($1,000), (b) the $1,100 excess of the income for the second and third partial years ($6,100) over the carryovers acquired from N and O Corporations ($5,000), and (c) the $14,300 excess of the income for the fourth partial year ($24,300) over the carryovers acquired from Y Corporation ($10,000). Accordingly, the limitation is $19,000 ($36,400 minus $17,400). Therefore, although X Corporation acquired carryovers aggregating $36,000 during 1955, it can utilize only $19,000 of such carryovers in computing its net operating loss deduction for 1955.

(c) *Determination of taxable income of acquiring corporation under section 381(c)(1)(C)*—(1) *In general.* If the acquiring corporation succeeds to the net operating loss carryovers of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on two or more dates of distribution or transfer within one taxable year of the acquiring corporation, then pursuant to section 381(c)(1)(C) the taxable income of the acquiring corporation for its taxable year which is a prior taxable year for purposes of section 172(b)(2) and paragraph (e) of § 1.381(c)(1)-1 shall be determined as provided in this paragraph.

(2) *Division of taxable income.* The taxable income of the acquiring corporation (computed with the modifications specified in section 172(b)(2)(A)

but without any net operating loss deduction) shall be allocated proportionately on a daily basis among a preacquisition part year (determined under paragraph (f)(3) of § 1.381(c)(1)-1 by treating the first date of distribution or transfer as though it were the only date of distribution or transfer during the taxable year of the acquiring corporation) and two or more partial postacquisition years (determined as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section). The preacquisition part year and each partial postacquisition year shall be considered a separate taxable year, but only for the limited purpose of applying sections 172(b)(2) and 381(c)(1)(C).

(3) *Net operating loss deduction.* The net operating loss deduction of the preacquisition part year and the partial postacquisition years shall be determined consistently with the manner described in paragraph (f)(6) of § 1.381(c)(1)-1 but by taking into account, in the case of any partial postacquisition year, only the net operating loss carryovers and carrybacks of the acquiring corporation and those net operating loss carryovers from a distributor or transferor corporation which become available to the acquiring corporation as of the close of those dates of distribution or transfer which occur before the beginning of that specific partial postacquisition year. The sequence in which the net operating losses of the distributor or transferor and acquiring corporations shall be applied for this purpose shall be determined in the manner described in paragraph (e) of § 1.381(c)(1)-1. Subject to the preceding sentence, the net operating loss carryovers to any specific partial postacquisition year, whether from a distributor, transferor, or acquiring corporation, shall be taken into account in the order of the taxable years in which the net operating losses arose, beginning with the loss for the earliest taxable year.

(4) *Illustration.* The application of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example—(i) *Facts.* X Corporation, which was organized on January 1, 1957, sustained a net operating loss of $20,000 for its calendar year 1957 and had taxable income (computed without any net operating loss deduction) of $36,500 for its calendar year 1958. During 1958, X Corporation acquired the assets of Y and Z Corporations in statutory mergers to each of which section 361 applied, the dates of transfer being June 30 and September 30, respectively. None of the modifications specified in section 172(b)(2)(A) apply to any of the corporations for any taxable year. The taxable income (computed without any net operating loss deduction) and net operating losses of Y and Z Corporations (which were organized on January 1, 1957, and January 1, 1954, respectively) are set forth below:

Taxable year	Acquiring corporation X	Transferor corporation Y	Transferor corporation Z
1954	xxx	xxx	($30,000)
1955	xxx	xxx	1,000
1956	xxx	xxx	1,000
1957	($20,000)	($25,000)	1,000
Ending 6-30-58	xxx	1,000	xxx
Ending 9-30-58	xxx	xxx	1,000
1958	36,500	xxx	xxx

The sequence in which the losses of the acquiring corporation and the transferor corporations are applied and the computation of the carryovers to X Corporation's calendar year 1959 are illustrated in the following subdivisions of this example.

(ii) *Computation of taxable income.* X Corporation's taxable income, determined in the manner described in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, for the preacquisition part year and for the partial postacquisition years is as follows:

Year	Taxable income	Computation
Preacquisition part year	$18,100	$36,500 × 181/365
Partial No. 1	9,200	36,500 × 92/365
Partial No. 2	9,200	36,500 × 92/365

(iii) *Z Corporation's 1954 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $0, computed as follows:

Net operating loss	$30,000
Less:	
Z's 1955, 1956, 1957, and 9/30/58-3 year income	4,000
Net operating loss carryover to Partial No. 2 year	26,000
Less:	
Partial No. 2 year taxable income	9,200
	16,800

The balance of $16,800 is not carried over to 1959 since X Corporation's taxable year 1958 is the last of the five years to which Z's 1954 loss may be carried under section 172(b)(1).

(iv) *Y Corporation's 1957 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $14,800, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$25,000
Less:		
Y's 6/30/58-year income		1,000
Net operating loss carryover to Partial No. 1 year		24,000
Less:		
Partial No. 1 year taxable income		9,200
Carryover to Partial No. 2 year		14,800
Less:		
X's Partial No. 2 year taxable income	$9,200	
Minus X's net operating loss deduction for Partial No. 2 year (i.e., Z's 1954 carryover of $26,000 to such partial year)	26,000	
		0
Carryover to 1959		14,800

(v) *X Corporation's 1957 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $1,900, computed as follows:

Net operating loss		$20,000
Less:		
X's preacquisition part year taxable income		18,100
Carryover to Partial No. 1 year		1,900
Less:		
Partial No. 1 year taxable income	$9,200	
Minus X's net operating loss deduction for Partial No. 1 year (i.e., Y's 1957 carryover of $24,000 to such partial year)	24,000	
		0
Carryover to Partial No. 2 year		1,900
Less:		
Partial No. 2 year taxable income	$9,200	
Minus X's net operating loss deduction for Partial No. 2 year (i.e., Z's 1954 carryover of $26,000, and Y's 1957 carryover of $14,800, to such partial year	40,800	
		0
Carryover to 1959		$1,900

(vi) *Summary of carryovers to 1959.* The aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers to 1959 is $16,700, computed as follows:

Z's 1954 loss	xxx
Y's 1957 loss	$14,800
X's 1957 loss	91,900
Total	16,700

§ 1.381(c)(2)-1 Earnings and profits.

(a) *In general.* (1) Section 381(c)(2) requires the acquiring corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies to succeed to, and take into account, the earnings and profits, or deficit in earnings and profits, of the distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer. In determining the amount of such earnings and profits, or deficit, to be carried over, and the manner in which they are to be used by the acquiring corporation after such date, the provisions of section 381(c)(2) and this section shall apply. For purposes of section 381(c)(2) and this section, if the distributor or transferor corporation accumulates earnings and profits, or incurs a deficit in earnings and profits, after the date of distribution or transfer and before the completion of the reorganization or liquidation, such earnings and profits, or deficit, shall be deemed to have been accumulated or incurred as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer.

(2) If the distributor or transferor corporation has accumulated earnings and profits as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer, such earnings and profits shall (except as hereinafter provided in this section) be deemed to be received by, and to become a part of the accumulated earnings and profits of, the acquiring corporation as of such time. Similarly, if the distributor or transferor corporation has a deficit in accumulated earnings and profits as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer, such deficit shall (except as hereinafter provided in this section) be deemed to be incurred by the acquiring corporation as of such time. In no event, however, shall the accumulated earnings and profits, or deficit, of the distribution or transferor corporation be taken into account in determining earnings and profits of the acquiring corporation for the taxable year during which occurs the date of distribution or transfer.

(3) Any part of the accumulated earnings and profits, or deficit in accumulated earnings and profits, of the distributor or transferor corporation

vhich consists of earnings and profits, or deficits, accumulated before March 1, 1913, shall be deemed to become earnings and profits, or deficits, of the acquiring corporation accumulated pefore March 1, 1913, and any part of che accumulated earnings and profits of the distributor or transferor corporation which consists of increase in value of property accrued before March 1, 1913, shall be deemed to pecome earnings and profits of the acquiring corporation consisting of increase in value of property accrued pefore March 1, 1913.

(4) If the acquiring corporation and each distributor or transferor corporaion has accumulated earnings and profits as of the close of the date of listribution or transfer, or if each of uch corporations has a deficit in accumulated earnings and profits as of uch time, then the accumulated earnngs and profits (or deficit) of each uch corporation shall be consolidated s of the close of the date of distribuion or transfer in the accumulated arnings and profits account of the acuiring corporation. See subparagraph 3) of this paragraph for determinaion of the accumulated earnings and rofits (or deficit) of the acquiring orporation as of the close of the date f distribution or transfer.

(5) If (i) one or more corporations a arty to a distribution or transfer has ccumulated earnings and profits as of he close of the date of distribution or ransfer, and (ii) one or more of such orporations has a deficit in accumuated earnings and profits as of such ime, the total of any such deficits hall be used only to offset earnings nd profits accumulated, or deemed to ave been accumulated under subpargraph (6) of this paragraph, by the cquiring corporation after the date of istribution or transfer. In such inance, the acquiring corporation will e considered as maintaining two sepaate earnings and profits accounts fter the date of distribution or transer. The first such account shall conin the total of the accumulated arnings and profits as of the close of he date of distribution or transfer of ach corporation which has accumuted earnings and profits as of such me, and the second such account shall contain the total of the deficits in accumulated earnings and profits of each corporation which has a deficit as of such time. The total deficit in the second account may not be used to reduce the accumulated earnings and profits in the first account (although such earnings and profits may be offset by deficits incurred, or deemed to have been incurred, after the date of distribution or transfer) but shall be used only to offset earnings and profits accumulated, or deemed to have been accumulated under subparagraph (6) of this paragraph, by the acquiring corporation after the date of distribution or transfer.

(6) In any case in which it is necessary to compute the accumulated earnings and profits, or the deficit in accumulated earnings and profits, of the acquiring corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer and such date is a day other than the last day of a taxable year of the acquiring corporation—

(i) If the acquiring corporation has earnings and profits for its taxable year during which occurs the date of distribution or transfer, such earnings and profits (*a*) shall be deemed to have accumulated as of the close of such date in an amount which bears the same ratio to the undistributed earnings and profits of such corporation for such year as the number of days in the taxable year preceding the date following the date of distribution or transfer bears to the total number of days in the taxable year, and (*b*) shall be deemed to have accumulated after the date of distribution or transfer in an amount which bears the same ratio to the undistributed earnings and profits of such corporation for such year as the number of days in the taxable year following such date bears to the total number of days in such taxable year. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the undistributed earnings and profits of the acquiring corporation for such taxable year shall be the earnings and profits for such taxable year reduced by any distributions made therefrom during such taxable year.

(ii) If the acquiring corporation has an operating deficit for its taxable year during which occurs the date of distribution or transfer, then, unless the actual accumulated earnings and profits, or deficit, as of such date can be shown, such operating deficit shall be deemed to have accumulated in a manner similar to that described in subdivision (i) of this subparagraph.

(7) This paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples, in which it is assumed that none of the accumulated earnings and profits, or deficits, consist of earnings and profits or deficits accumulated, or increase in value of property accrued, before March 1, 1913.

Example (1). (i) M and N Corporations make their returns on the basis of the calendar year. On June 30, 1959, M Corporation transfers all its assets to N Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The books of the two corporations reveal the following information:

Description	M Corporation (transferor)	N Corporation (acquirer)
Accumulated earnings and profits at close of calendar year 1958	$100,000	$150,000
Earnings and profits of taxable year ending June 30, 1959	15,000	
Earnings and profits of calendar year 1959		36,500
Distributions during calendar year 1959	0	0

(ii) As of the close of June 30, 1959, N acquires from M accumulated earnings and profits of $115,000. Since M and N each has accumulated earnings and profits as of the close of the date of transfer, M's accumulated earnings and profits are added to N's accumulated earnings and profits as of such time. However, no part of M's accumulated earnings and profits is taken into account in determining N's earnings and profits for the calendar year 1959. Therefore, N's earnings and profits for the calendar year 1959 are $36,500.

Example (2). (i) X and Y Corporations make their returns on the basis of the calendar year. On June 30, 1959, X Corporation transfers all its assets to Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The books of the two corporations reveal the following information:

Description	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
Accumulated earnings and profits at close of calendar year 1958	$20,000	$100,000
Deficit in earnings and profits for taxable year ending June 30, 1959	80,000	
Earnings and profits of calendar year 1959		36,500
Distributions during calendar year 1959	0	0

(ii) As of the close of June 30, 1959, Y acquires from X a deficit in accumulated earnings and profits in the amount of $60,000. This deficit may be used only to reduce those earnings and profits of Y which are accumulated, or deemed to have accumulated, after June 30, 1959. Accordingly, as of December 31, 1959, the accumulated earnings and profits of Y amount to $118,100; at such time Y also has a separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits in the amount of $41,600. These amounts are determined as follows:

Accumulated earnings and profits of Y as of the close of 1958	$100,000
Add:	
Portion of undistributed earnings and profits of Y for 1959 deemed to have accumulated as of close of June 30, 1959 ($36,500×181/365)	18,100
Accumulated earnings and profits of Y as of close of June 30, 1959, and also as of Dec. 31, 1959	118,100
Portion of undistributed earnings and profits of Y for 1959 deemed to have accumulated after June 30, 1959 ($36,500×184/365)	18,400
Less:	
Deficit in accumulated earnings and profits acquired by Y from X Corporation as of close of June 30, 1959	60,000
Separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of Y as of Dec. 31, 1959	41,600

Example (3). Assume the same facts as in example (2), except that on September 15, 1959, Y Corporation makes a cash distribution of $96,500. The entire distribution is a dividend: $36,500 from earnings and profits for the taxable year 1959 and $60,000 from earnings and profits accumulated as of December 31, 1958. Accordingly, as of December 31, 1959, Y has accumulated earnings and profits of $40,000, and also has a separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of $60,000. These amounts are determined as follows:

Earnings and profits of Y for calendar year 1959	$36,500
Accumulated earnings and profits of Y as of close of 1958	100,000

Total	136,500
Less:	
Distributions during 1959	96,500
Accumulated earnings and profits of Y as of Dec. 31, 1959	40,000

Deficit in accumulated earnings and profits acquired from X as of close of June 30, 1959	$60,000
Less:	
Portion of Y's undistributed earnings and profits for 1959 deemed to have accumulated after June 30, 1959	0
Separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of Y as of Dec. 31, 1959	60,000

Example (4). (i) M and N Corporations make their returns on the basis of the calendar year. On June 30, 1959, M Corporation transfers all its assets to N Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The books of the two corporations reveal the following information:

Description	M Corporation (transferor)	N Corporation (acquirer)
Accumulated earnings and profits at close of calendar year 1958	$100,000	$50,000
Earnings and profits for taxable year ending June 30, 1959	10,000	
Deficit in earnings and profits for calendar year 1959		146,000
Distributions during calendar year 1959	0	0

(ii) Assuming that N has not shown its actual accumulated earnings and profits, or deficit, as of the close of June 30, 1959, N has a deficit in accumulated earnings and profits at such time which amounts to $22,400, determined as follows:

Accumulated earnings and profits of N as of close of 1958	$50,000
Less:	
Portion of deficit in earnings and profits of N for 1959 deemed to have accumulated as of close of June 30, 1959 ($146,000×181/365)	72,400
Deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of N as of close of June 30, 1959, and also as of Dec. 31, 1959	22,400

As of the close of June 30, 1959, N acquires from M accumulated earnings and profits in the amount of $110,000, no part of which may be offset by N's own deficit of $22,400; however, such earnings and profits may be offset by deficits incurred, or deemed incurred, by N after June 30, 1959. Thus, as of December 31, 1959, N has the above-mentioned deficit of $22,400; at such time N also has accumulated earnings and profits in the amount of $36,400, determined as follows:

Accumulated earnings and profits acquired from M as of close of June 30, 1959	$110,000
Less:	
Portion of deficit in earnings and profits of N for 1959 deemed to have accumulated after June 30, 1959 ($146,000×184/365)	73,600
Accumulated earnings and profits of N as of Dec. 31, 1959	36,400

Example (5). Assume the same facts as in example (4), except that on September 9, 1959, N Corporation makes a cash distribution of $100,000. The amount of $82,000 is a dividend from accumulated earnings and profits, computed as follows:

Accumulated earnings and profits acquired from M as of close of June 30, 1959	$110,000
Less:	
Deficit in earnings and profits of N for 1959 deemed to have accumulated from June 30 through Sept. 8, 1959 ($146,000×70/365)	28,000
Accumulated earnings and profits as of close of Sept. 8, 1959	82,000

As of December 31, 1959, N Corporation has a deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of $68,000 computed as follows:

Deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of N as of close of June 30, 1959	$22,400
Add:	
Portion of N's deficit in earnings and profits for 1959 deemed to have accumulated after Sept. 8, 1959 ($146,000×114/365)	45,600
Deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of N as of Dec. 31, 1959	68,000

Example (6). (i) X, Y, and Z Corporations make their returns on the basis of the calendar year. On June 30, 1959, X Corporation and Y Corporation transfer all their assets to Z Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The books of the three corporations reveal the following information:

Description	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (transferor)	Z Corporation (acquirer)
Accumulated earnings and profits (or deficit) at close of calendar year 1958	$35,000	($25,000)	($20,000)
Earnings and profits (or deficit) for taxable year ended June 30, 1959	5,000	(5,000)	
Earnings and profits for calendar year 1959			36,500
Distributions during 1959	0	0	0

(ii) As of the close of June 30, 1959, Z acquires from Y a deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of $30,000. As of such time, Z's own deficit in accumulated earnings and profits amounts to $1,900, determined as follows:

Deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of Z as of close of 1958	$20,000
Less:	
Portion of undistributed earnings and profits of Z for 1959 deemed to have accumulated as of close of June 30, 1959 ($36,500×181/365)	18,100
Deficit in accumulated earnings and profits as of close of June 30, 1959	1,900

The total deficit of $31,900 may be used only to offset earnings and profits of Z accumulated, or deemed to have accumulated, after June 30, 1959; such deficit may not be used to reduce the accumulated earnings and profits of $40,000 acquired from X as of the close of June 30, 1959. Thus, as of December 31, 1959, the accumulated earnings and profits of Z amount to $40,000; at such time Z Corporation also has a separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits in the amount of $13,500, determined as follows:

Deficit in accumulated earnings and profits as of close of June 30, 1959	$31,900
Less:	
Portion of undistributed earnings and profits of Z for 1959 deemed to have accumulated after June 30, 1959 ($36,500×184/365)	18,400
Separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits as of Dec. 31, 1959	13,500

Example (*7*). X and Y Corporations make their returns on the basis of the calendar year. On December 31, 1954, X transfers all its assets to Y in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The books of the two corporations reveal the following information:

Description	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
Accumulated earnings and profits (or deficit) at close of calendar year 1954	($50,000)	$210,000
Earnings and profits (or deficit) for calendar year:		
1955		5,000
1956		(20,000)
1957		70,000
1958		60,000
1959		55,000
Cash distributions on:		
Sept. 1, 1957		80,000
Sept. 1, 1958		40,000
Sept. 1, 1959		30,000

The balances in the accumulated earnings and profits account and the separate deficit account of Y Corporation at the close of the taxable year involved are as follows:

Year	Deficit acquired from X Corporation	Accumulated earnings and profits of Y Corporation
1954	$50,000	$210,000
1955	45,000	210,000
1956	45,000	190,000
1957	45,000	180,000
1958	25,000	180,000
1959	None	180,000

(b) *Successive acquisitions.* (1) If, as of the date of distribution or transfer, either the acquiring corporation, or the distributor or transferor corporation, or both, is considered under paragraph (a) of this section to be maintaining separate earnings and profits accounts as the result of a prior transaction or transactions to which section 381(a) applied, the accumulated earnings and profits, or deficit in accumulated earnings and profits, of each such corporation shall be combined with the appropriate earnings and profits account of the other such corporation. For example, if, as of the date of transfer, the acquiring corporation and the transferor corporation are each maintaining separate accounts, one containing accumulated earnings and profits and the other containing a deficit in accumulated earnings and profits, the amounts in the two accumulated earnings and profits accounts shall be combined into one account, and the amounts in the two deficit accounts shall be combined into a second account, and the amount in one combined account may not be used to offset the amount in the other combined account.

(2) This paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples, in which it is assumed that none of the accumulated earnings and profits, or deficits, consist of earnings and profits or deficits accumulated, or increase in value of property accrued, before March 1, 1913.

Example (*1*). (i) X, Y, and Z Corporations make their returns on the basis of the calendar year. On June 30, 1958, X Corporation transfers all its assets to Z Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies, and on August 31, 1958, Y Corporation transfers all its assets to Z Corporation in another statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The books of the three corporations reveal the following information:

Description	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (transferor)	Z Corporation (acquirer)
Accumulated earnings and profits (deficit) at close of calendar year 1957	($40,000	$10,000	$60,000
Deficit in earnings and profits for taxable year ending June 30, 1958	(5,000)		
Earnings and profits for taxable year ending Aug. 31, 1958		2,000	
Earnings and profits of calendar year 1958			36,500
Distributions during calendar year 1958	0	0	0

(ii) As of the close of June 30, 1958, Z acquires from X a deficit in accumulated earnings and profits in the amount of $45,000, which deficit may be used only to reduce those earnings and profits of Z which are accumulated, or deemed to have been accumulated, after June 30, 1958. As of the close of August 31, 1958, Z acquires from Y earnings and profits of $12,000, no portion of which may be reduced by the deficit acquired by Z from X. Accordingly, as of December 31, 1958, Z has accumulated earnings and profits of $90,100, and also has a separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of $26,600. These amounts are determined as follows:

Accumulated earnings and profits of Z as of Dec. 31, 1957	$60,000
Add:	
Portion of undistributed earnings and profits of Z for 1958 deemed to have accumulated as of close of June 30, 1958 ($36,500×181/365)	18,100
Accumulated earnings and profits of Z as of June 30, 1958	78,100
Add:	
Accumulated earnings and profits acquired by Z from Y as of close of Aug. 31, 1958	12,000
Accumulated earnings and profits of Z as of close of Aug. 31, 1958, and also as of Dec. 31, 1958	90,100
Deficit in accumulated earnings and profits acquired by Z from X as of close of June 30, 1958	45,000
Less:	
Portion of undistributed earnings and profits of Z for 1958 deemed to have accumulated from June 30 through Aug. 31, 1958 ($36,500×62/365)	6,200
Separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of Z as of Aug. 31, 1958	38,800
Less:	
Portion of undistributed earnings and profits of Z for 1958 deemed to have accumulated after Aug. 31, 1958 ($36,500×122/365)	12,200
Separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of Z as of Dec. 31, 1958	26,600

Example (2). (i) Assume the same facts as in example (1), plus the additional fact that on June 30, 1959, Z Corporation transfers all its assets to M Corporation (which makes its return on the basis of the calendar year) in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies, and that as of such time M Corporation is considered to be maintaining separate earnings and profits accounts as the result of a previous transaction to which section 381(a) applied. The books of the two corporations reveal the following information:

Description	Z Corporation (transferor)	M Corporation (acquirer)
Accumulated earnings and profits as of Dec. 31, 1958	$90,100	$50,000
Separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits as of Dec. 31, 1958	26,600	30,000
Earnings and profits for taxable year ending June 30, 1959	5,000	
Earnings and profits of calendar year 1959		36,500
Distributions during 1959	0	0

(ii) As of June 30, 1959, M acquires from Z accumulated earnings and profits of $90,100, which amount is combined with M's own accumulated earnings and profits of $50,000; M also acquires from Z a deficit in accumulated earnings and profits of $21,600 ($26,600 minus $5,000), which amount is combined with M's own deficit of $11,900. The total deficit of $33,500 may be used only to reduce earnings and profits of M which are accumulated, or deemed to have accumulated, after June 30, 1959. Accordingly, as of December 31, 1959, M has accumulated earnings and profits of $140,100, and also has a separate deficit in accumulated earnings and profits in the amount of $15,100. These amounts are determined as follows:

Deficit of M as of Dec. 31, 1958	$30,000
Less:	
Portion of M's undistributed earnings and profits for 1959 deemed to have accumulated as of close of June 30, 1959 ($36,500×181/365)	18,100
Deficit of M as of June 30, 1959	11,900
Plus:	
Deficit of Z as of June 30, 1959	21,600
Combined deficit of M as of close of June 30, 1959	33,500
Less:	
Portion of M's undistributed earnings and profits for 1959 deemed to have accumulated after June 30, 1959 ($36,500×184/365)	18,400
Separate deficit of M as of Dec. 31, 1959	15,100
Accumulated earnings and profits of M as of Dec. 31, 1958, and also as of June 30, 1959	50,000
Accumulated earnings and profits of Z as of Dec. 31, 1958, and also as of June 30, 1959	90,100
Combined accumulated earnings and profits of M as of close of June 30, 1959, and also as of Dec. 31, 1959	140,100

(c) *Distribution of earnings and profits pursuant to reorganization or liquidation.* (1) If, in a reorganization to which section 381(a)(2) applies, the transferor corporation pursuant to the plan of reorganization distributes to its stockholders property consisting not only of property permitted by section 354 to be received without recognition of gain, but also of other property or money, then the accumulated earnings and profits of the transferor corporation as of the close of the date of transfer shall be computed by taking into account the amount of earnings and profits properly applicable to the distribution, regardless of whether such distribution occurs before or after the close of the date of transfer.

(2) If, in a distribution to which section 381(a)(1) (relating to certain liquidations of subsidiaries) applies, the acquiring corporation receives less than 100 percent of the assets distributed by the distributor corporation, then the accumulated earnings and profits of the distributor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution shall be computed by taking into account the amount of earnings and profits properly applicable to the distributions to minority stockholders, regardless of whether such distributions occur before or after the close of the date of distribution.

(d) *Treatment of earnings and profits where assets are transferred to a corporation controlled by the acquiring corporation.* If, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(2) of § 1.381(a)-1, a corporation is considered to be the acquiring corporation even though a part of the acquired assets is transferred to one or more corporations controlled by the acquiring corporation, or all the acquired assets are transferred to two or more corporations controlled by the acquiring corporation, then whether any portion of the earnings and profits received by the acquiring corporation under section 381(c)(2) is allocable to such controlled corporation or corporations shall be determined without regard to section 381. See paragraph (a) of § 1.312-11.

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§ 1.381(c)(3)-1 Capital loss carryovers.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* (1) Section 381(c)(3) requires the acquiring corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies to succeed to, and take into account, the capital loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor corporation. To determine the amount of these carryovers as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer, and to integrate them with the capital loss carryovers of the acquiring corporation for purposes of determining the taxable income of the acquiring corporation for taxable years ending after the date of distribution or transfer, it is necessary to apply the provisions of section 1212 in accordance with the conditions and limitations of section 381(c)(3) and this section.

(2) The capital loss carryovers of the acquiring corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall be determined without reference to any capital gains or capital losses of the distributor or transferor corporation. The capital loss carryovers of a distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall be determined without reference to any capital gains

or capital losses of the acquiring corporation.

(3) This section contains rules applicable to capital loss carryovers determined without reference to the amendment of section 1212(a) made by section 7 of the Act of September 2, 1964 (Public Law 88-571, 78 Stat. 860) in respect of foreign expropriation capital losses. If the distributor, transferor, or acquiring corporation sustains a net capital loss in a taxable year ending after December 31, 1958, any portion of which is attributable to a foreign expropriation capital loss, such portion shall be carried over to each of the ten succeeding taxable years consistently with the rules prescribed in this section and paragraph (a)(2) of § 1.1212-1.

(b) *First taxable year to which carryovers apply.* (1) The capital loss carryovers available to the distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall first be carried to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after that date. This rule applies irrespective of whether the date of distribution or transfer is on the last day, or any other day, of the acquiring corporation's taxable year.

(2) The capital loss carryovers available to the distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall be carried to the acquiring corporation without diminution by reason of the fact that the acquiring corporation does not acquire 100 percent of the assets of the distributor or transferor corporation.

(c) *Limitation on capital loss carryovers for first taxable year ending after date of distribution or transfer.* (1) Any capital loss carryover of a distributor or transferor corporation which is available to the acquiring corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall be a short-term capital loss of the acquiring corporation in each of the taxable years to which the net capital loss giving rise to such carryover may be carried to the extent provided in section 1212 and this section. However, in the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of distribution or transfer, the total capital loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor corporation which may be treated in that year as short-term capital losses of the acquiring corporation is limited by section 381(c)(3)(B) to an amount which bears the same ratio to the acquiring corporation's capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) for such first taxable year (determined without regard to any capital loss carryovers) as the number of days in such first taxable year which follow the date of distribution or transfer bears to the total number of days in such taxable year. Thus, if the date of distribution or transfer is the last day of the acquiring corporation's taxable year, there is no limitation under section 381(c)(3)(B) on the amount of such carryovers which may be treated as short-term capital losses of the acquiring corporation for its first taxable year ending after that date.

(2) The limitation provided by section 381(c)(3)(B) shall be applied to the aggregate of the capital loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor corporation without reference to the taxable years in which the net capital losses giving rise to the carryovers were sustained. If the acquiring corporation has acquired the assets of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on the same date of distribution or transfer, then the limitation provided by section 381(c)(3)(B) shall be applied to the aggregate of the capital loss carryovers from all of such distributor or transferor corporations.

(3) If the acquiring corporation succeeds to the capital loss carryovers of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on two or more dates of distribution or transfer during the same taxable year of the acquiring corporation, the limitation to be applied under section 381(c)(3)(B) to the aggregate of such carryovers shall be determined consistently with the rules prescribed in paragraph (b) of § 1.381(c)(1)-2.

(4) The application of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (i) X and Y Corporations are organized on January 1, 1954, and make their returns on the basis of the calendar year. On July 4, 1957, X Corporation transfers all its assets to Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The net capital losses and the net capital gains (capital gain net income for taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1976), (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers) of the two corporations are as follows:

Taxable year	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
1954	($5,000)	0
1955	(10,000)	$5,000
1956	(25,000)	(7,000)
Ending 7-4-57	(8,000)	
1957		36,500

(ii) The capital loss carryovers of X Corporation which are available to Y Corporation as of the close of July 4, 1957, amount to $48,000 in the aggregate; but only $18,000 ($36,500 × 180/365) of such amount may be treated as short-term capital losses of Y Corporation for 1957.

(d) *Computation of carryovers; general rule*—(1) *Sequence for applying losses and determination of capital gain net income.* Section 1212 provides that a net capital loss sustained in any taxable year (hereinafter referred to as the "loss year") shall be carried over to each of the five succeeding taxable years and treated in each of such succeeding years as a short-term capital loss to the extent not allowed as a deduction against any capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) of any taxable years intervening between the loss year and the taxable year to which such loss is carried. For this purpose, the capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) of any intervening taxable year is determined without regard to the net capital loss for the loss year or for any taxable year thereafter, and the various capital loss carryovers from taxable years preceding the loss year to any such intervening taxable year are considered to be applied in reduction of the capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) for such year in the order of the taxable years in which the losses were sustained, beginning with the loss for the earliest preceding taxable year. The application of these rules to the capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) of the acquiring corporation for any taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer involves the use of carryovers of the distributor or transferor corporation and of the acquiring corporation. In determining the order in which the capital loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor and acquiring corporations from taxable years ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer are considered to be applied in reduction of the capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) of the acquiring corporation for any intervening taxable year ending after such date, the following rules shall apply:

(i) Each taxable year of the distributor or transferor and acquiring corporations which, with respect to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of distribution or transfer, constitutes a first preceding taxable year, shall be treated as if each such year ended on the same day, whether or not such taxable years actually end on the same day. In like manner, each taxable year of the distributor or transferor and acquiring corporations which, with respect to such first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of distribution or transfer, constitutes a second preceding taxable year, shall be treated as if each such year ended on the same day (whether or not such taxable years actually end on the same day), and a similar rule shall be applied with respect to those taxable years of the distributor or transferor and acquiring corporations which constitute third, fourth, and fifth preceding taxable years;

(ii) If in the same preceding taxable year both the distributor or transferor and acquiring corporations incurred a net capital loss which is a carryover to an intervening taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of distribution or transfer, then in applying such losses in reduction of the capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) for such an intervening year, either such loss may be taken into account before the other; and

(iii) The rules of subdivisions (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph shall apply regardless of the number of distributor or transferor corporations the assets of which are acquired by the acquiring corporation on the same date of distribution or transfer.

(2) *Cross reference.* If the date of distribution or transfer is a day other than the last day of a taxable year of the acquiring corporation, then in determining the capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) of the acquiring corporation for its first taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer, section 1212 and this paragraph shall be applied in the special manner set forth in paragraph (e) of this section.

(3) *Years to which losses may be carried.* The taxable years to which a net capital loss shall be carried are prescribed by section 1212. Since the taxable year of a distributor or transferor corporation ends with the close of the date of distribution or transfer, such taxable year and the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation which ends after that date are considered two separate taxable years to which a net capital loss of the distributor or transferor corporation for any taxable year ending before that date shall be carried. This rule applies even though the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation which ends on the date of distribution or transfer is a period of less than twelve months. However, the distribution or transfer has no effect in determining under section 1212 the taxable years to which a net capital loss of the acquiring corporation is carried. For this purpose, the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation which ends after the date of distribution or transfer constitutes only one taxable year even though such taxable year is considered under paragraph (e) of this section as two taxable years for certain purposes. The application of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. R and S Corporations are organized on January 1, 1954, and both corporations make their returns on the basis of the calendar year. R Corporation has net capital losses for its years 1954, 1955, and 1957, and S Corporation has net capital losses for its years 1954 and 1956. On June 30, 1958, R Corporation transfers all its assets to S Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The taxable years to which these losses of R and S Corporations may be carried are as follows:

Loss year	Carried to
R1954	R1955, R1956, R1957, R6/30/58, S1958.
S1954	S1955, S1956, S1957, S1958, S1959.
R1955	R1956, R1957, R6/30/58, S1958, S1959.
S1956	S1957, S1958, S1959, S1960, S1961.
R1957	R6/30/58, S1958, S1959, S1960, S1961.

(4) *Computation of carryovers in case where date of distribution or transfer occurs on last day of acquiring corporation's taxable year.* The computation of the capital loss carryovers from the distributor or transferor corporation and from the acquiring corporation in a case where the date of distribution or transfer occurs on the last day of a taxable year of the acquiring corporation may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X and Y Corporations are organized on January 1, 1955, and make their returns on the basis of the calendar year. On December 31, 1956, X Corporation transfers all its assets to Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The net capital losses and the net capital gains (capital gain net income for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976), (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers) of the two corporations are as follows:

Taxable year	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
1955	($20,000)	($2,000)
1956	(10,000)	(8,000)
1957		25,000
1958		10,000

The sequence in which the net capital losses of X and Y Corporations are applied, and the computation of the capital loss carryovers to Y Corporation's taxable year 1959, may be illustrated as follows. (For purposes of this example, the carryover from a preceding taxable year of the transferor corporation will be applied before the carryover from the same preceding taxable year of the acquiring corporation):

(i) *X Corporation's 1955 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $0, computed as follows:

Net capital loss	$20,000
Less: Y's 1957 net capital gain (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers)	25,000
Carryover to Y 1958 and Y 1959	0

(ii) *Y Corporation's, 1955 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $0, computed as follows:

Net capital loss		$2,000
Less:		
Y's 1957 net capital gain (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers)	$25,000	
Minus capital loss carryovers to Y 1957 (i.e., carryover of $20,000 from X 1955)	20,000	
		5,000
Carryover to Y 1958 and Y 1959		0

(iii) *X Corporation's 1956 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $0, computed as follows:

Net capital loss		$10,000
Less:		
Y's 1957 net capital gain (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers)	$25,000	
Minus capital loss carryovers to Y 1957 (i.e., carryovers of $20,000 from X 1955 and $2,000 from Y 1955)	22,000	
		3,000
Carryover to Y 1958		7,000
Less:		
Y's 1958 net capital gain (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers)	$10,000	
Minus capital loss carryovers to Y 1958	0	
		10,000
Carryover to Y 1959		0

(iv) *Y Corporation's 1956 loss.* The carryover to 1959 is $5,000, computed as follows:

Net capital loss		$8,000
Less:		
Y's 1957 net capital gain (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers)	$25,000	
Minus capital loss carryovers to Y 1957 (i.e., carryovers of $20,000 from X 1955, $2,000 from Y 1955, and $10,000 from X 1956)	32,000	
		0
Carryover to Y 1958		8,000
Less:		
Y's 1958 net capital gain (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers)	$10,000	
Minus capital loss carryovers to Y 1958 (i.e., carryover of $7,000 from X 1956)	7,000	
		3,000
Carryover to Y 1959		5,000

(e) *Computation of carryovers when date of distribution or transfer is not on last day of acquiring corporation's taxable year*—(1) *General rule.* If, in determining under paragraph (d) of this section the portion of a net capital loss for any taxable year which is carried over to a succeeding taxable year, an intervening taxable year is a taxable year of the acquiring corporation which includes, but does not end on, the date of distribution or transfer, the capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) of such intervening year shall be determined by applying section 1212 in the special manner provided by this paragraph.

(2) *Taxable year considered as two taxable years.* Such intervening taxable year of the acquiring corporation shall be considered as though it were two taxable years, but only for the limited purpose of computing capital loss carryovers to subsequent taxable years. The first of such two taxable years shall be referred to in this paragraph as the preacquisition part year; the second, as the postacquisition part year. Though considered as two separate taxable years for purposes of this paragraph, the preacquisition part year and the postacquisition part year are treated as one taxable year in determining the years to which a net capital loss is carried under section 1212. See paragraph (d)(3) of this section.

(3) *Preacquisition part year.* The preacquisition part year shall begin with the beginning of such taxable year of the acquiring corporation and shall end with the close of the date of distribution or transfer.

(4) *Postacquisition part year.* The postacquisition part year shall begin with the day following the date of distribution or transfer and shall end with the close of such taxable year of the acquiring corporation.

(5) *Division of capital gain net income.* The capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) for such intervening taxable year (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers) of the acquiring corporation shall be divided between the preacquisition part year and the post-

acquisition part year in proportion to the number of days in each. Thus, if in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies Y Corporation acquires the assets of X Corporation on June 30, 1956, and Y Corporation has net capital gain (computed in the manner so prescribed) of $36,600 for its calendar year 1956, then the preacquisition part year capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) would be $18,200 ($36,600×182/366) and the postacquisition part year capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) would be $18,400 ($36,600×184/366).

(6) *Application of capital loss carryovers.* After obtaining the capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) of the preacquisition part year and postacquisition part year in the manner described in subparagraph (5) of this paragraph, it is necessary to determine the capital loss carryovers which are taken into account with respect to each such part year. The carryovers to be taken into account and the sequence in which such carryovers are applied, shall be determined in accordance with paragraph (d)(1) of this section but subject to the provisions of this subparagraph. With respect to the preacquisition part year, no capital loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor corporation shall be taken into account; that is, only capital loss carryovers of the acquiring corporation shall be taken into account. With respect to the postacquisition part year, capital loss carryovers of both the distributor or transferor corporation and the acquiring corporation shall be taken into account.

(7) *Cross reference.* If an intervening taxable year is a taxable year of the acquiring corporation during which the acquiring corporation succeeds to the capital loss carryovers of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on two or more dates of distribution or transfer, the capital gain net income (net capital gain for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1977) of the acquiring corporation for such intervening taxable year shall be determined consistently with the rules prescribed in paragraph (c) of § 1.381(c)(1)-2, except that the sequence in which the capital loss carryovers of the distributor or transferor and acquiring corporations shall be applied shall be determined under paragraph (d)(1) of this section.

(8) *Illustration.* The application of this paragraph may be illustrated as follows:

Example. X Corporation is organized on April 1, 1959, and makes its return on the basis of the fiscal year ending March 31. Y Corporation is organized on January 1, 1959, and makes its return on the basis of the calendar year. On June 30, 1961, X Corporation transfers all its assets to Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. The net capital losses and the net capital gains (capital gain net income for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976) (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers) of the two corporations are as follows:

Taxable year	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
1959		($24,000)
Ending 3-31-60	($19,000)	
1960		(6,000)
Ending 3-31-61	(5,000)	
Ending 6-30-61	0	
1961		36,500
1962		12,000

The following table shows those taxable years of the transferor and acquiring corporations which, with respect to Y Corporation's calendar year 1961, are first, second, and third preceding taxable years:

Taxable year	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
First preceding year	Ending June 30, 1961	1960
Second preceding year	Ending March 31, 1961	1959
Third preceding year	Ending March 31, 1960	

The sequence in which the net capital losses of X and Y Corporations are applied, and the computation of the capital loss carryovers to Y Corporation's calendar year 1963, may be illustrated as follows. (For purposes of this example, the carryover from a preceding taxable year of the acquiring corporation will be applied before the carryover from the same preceding taxable year of the transferor corporation):

(i) *X Corporation's 3/31/60 loss.* The carryover to 1963 is $0, computed as follows:

Net capital loss		$19,000
Less: Y's postacquisition part year net capital gain computed under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph ($36,500 × 184/365)		18,400
Carryover to Y 1962		600
Less: Y's 1962 net capital gain (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers)		12,000
Carryover to Y 1963		0

(ii) *Y Corporation's 1959 loss.* The carryover to 1963 is $0, computed as follows:

Net capital loss		$24,000
Less: Y's preacquisition part year net capital gain computed under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph ($36,500 × 181/365)		18,100
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year		5,900
Less:		
Y's postacquisition part year net capital gain computed under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph	$18,400	
Minus capital loss carryovers to postacquisition part year (i.e., carryover of $19,000 from X 3/31/60)	19,000	0
Carryover to Y 1962		5,900
Less:		
Y's 1962 net capital gain (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers)	$12,000	
Minus capital loss carryovers to Y 1962 (i.e., carryover of $600 from X 3/31/60)	600	
		11,400
Carryover to Y 1963		0

(iii) *X Corporation's 3/31/61 loss.* The carryover to 1963 is $0, computed as follows:

Net capital loss		$5,000
Less:		
Y's postacquisition part year net capital gain computed under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph	$18,400	
Minus capital loss carryovers to postacquisition part year (i.e., carryovers of $19,000 from X 3/31/60 and $5,900 from Y 1959)	24,900	
		0
Carryover to Y 1962		5,000
Less:		
Y's 1962 net capital gain (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers)	$12,000	
Minus capital loss carryovers to Y 1962 (i.e., carryovers of $600 from X 3/31/60 and $5,900 from Y 1959)	6,500	
		5,500
Carryover to Y 1963		0

(iv) *Y Corporation's 1960 loss.* The carryover to 1963 is $5,500, computed as follows:

Net capital loss		$6,000
Less:		
Y's preacquisition part year net capital gain computed under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph	$18,100	
Minus capital loss carryovers to preacquisition part year (i.e., carryover of $24,000 from Y 1959)	24,000	
		0
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year		6,000
Less:		
Y's postacquisition part year net capital gain computed under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph	$18,400	
Minus capital loss carryovers to postacquisition part year (i.e., carryovers of $19,000 from X 3/31/60, $5,900 from Y 1959, and $5,000 from X 3/31/61)	29,900	
		0
Carryover to Y 1962		6,000
Less:		
Y's 1962 net capital gain (computed without regard to any capital loss carryovers)	$12,000	
Minus capital loss carryovers to Y 1962 (i.e., carryovers of $600 from X 3/31/60, $5,900 from Y 1959, and $5,000 from X 3/31/61)	11,500	
		$500
Carryover to Y 1963		5,500

(l) *Successive acquiring corporations.* An acquiring corporation which, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, acquires the assets of a distributor or transferor corporation which previously acquired the assets of another corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, shall succeed to and take into account, subject to the conditions and limitations of sections 1212 and 381, the capital loss carryovers available to the first acquiring corporation under sections 1212 and 381.

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§ 1.381(c)(4)-1 Method of accounting.

(a) *Carryover requirement*—(1) *General rule.* (i) Section 381(c)(4) provides that, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, an acquiring corporation shall use the same method of accounting used by the distributor or transferor corporation on the date of distribution or transfer unless different methods of accounting were used on that date by several distributor or transferor corporations or by a distributor or transferor corporation and the acquiring corporation. If different methods of accounting were used, the acquiring corporation shall use the method or combination of methods of accounting adopted pursuant to this section.

(ii) The acquiring corporation shall take into its accounts the dollar balances of those accounts of the distributor or transferor corporation representing items of income or deduction which, because of its method of accounting, were not required or permitted to be included or deducted by the distributor or transferor corporation in computing taxable income for taxable years ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer. The acquiring corporation shall similarly take into its accounts the dollar balances of those accounts of the distributor or transferor corporation which represents reserves in respect of which the distributor or transferor corporation has taken a deduction for taxable years ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer. Items of income and deduction shall have the same character in the hands of the acquiring corporation as they would have had in the hands of the distributor or transferor corporation or corporations if no distribution or transfer had occurred. This section shall have no application to items of income or deduction, or dollar balances, to the extent they are attributable to assets or liabilities not distributed or transferred, and shall have no application to items the tax treatment of which is specifically provided for in other paragraphs of section 381(c). In the case of an obligation of the distributor or transferor corporation which is assumed by the acquiring corporation and which gives rise to a liability (within the meaning of paragraph (a)(4) of § 1.381(c)(16)-1) after the date of distribution or transfer, the deductibility of such an item is determined under this section if it is not deductible under section 381(c)(16) and the regulations thereunder. The amount of the adjustments necessary to reflect a change in accounting method pursuant to this section, the manner in which they are to be taken into account, and the tax attributable thereto shall be determined and computed under section 481 and the regulations thereunder, subject to the rules provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section. Where such change is a change from the accrual to the installment method by a dealer in personal property, section 453(c) and the regulations thereunder apply.

(2) *Rules of application.* For purposes of section 381(c)(4) and this section, the term "method of accounting" shall have the same meaning as that provided under section 446 and the regulations thereunder. This section shall not be construed as preventing the exercise of any election which may be made by the acquiring corporation without consent of the Commissioner, or preventing the application of section 269 or 482, or the regulations thereunder. For provisions defining the date of distribution or transfer, see paragraph (b) of § 1.381(b)-1. See other paragraphs of section 381(c) and the regulations thereunder for other rules regarding the treatment of the carryover of certain items specifically enumerated therein.

(b) *Conditions for continuation of methods of accounting*—(1) *No differences in methods of accounting.* If all the parties to a section 381(a) transaction used the same method of accounting on the date of distribution or transfer, the acquiring corporation shall continue to use such method of accounting, unless the acquiring corporation has obtained the consent of the Commissioner in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1 to use a different method of accounting. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). X Corporation and Y Corporation use the accrual method as their overall method of accounting. Both corporations have established a reserve for bad debts under section 166(c). Pursuant to elections made by each corporation, they are amortizing trademark and trade name expenditures over a 60-month period under section 177, expensing intangible drilling and development costs under section 263(c), and accruing real property taxes ratably under section 461(c). It is assumed that there are no other items to which paragraph (a) of this section might apply. Y Corporation acquires all of the assets of X Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies. On and after the date of distribution or transfer Y Corporation must continue, without further election, to use the same overall method of accounting and the same accounting treatment of the specified items, unless consent of the Commissioner is obtained in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1 to change the methods of accounting. Thus, Y Corporation shall carry over the balance in X Corporation's reserve for bad debts account, shall continue to amortize and deduct over the remaining portion of the 60-month period the unamortized portion of the trademark and trade name expenditures carried over from X Corporation, and shall continue the same treatment of intangible drilling and development costs and of real property taxes.

Example (2). M Corporation and N Corporation use the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting. N Corporation acquires all of the assets and assumes all the obligations of M Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies. M Corporation, immediately prior to the transaction, is entitled to receive $10,000 for unbilled services performed, and has billed but not received payment for services performed in an amount of $20,000. It has received but not paid invoices amounting to $18,000, and has received services in the amount of $5,000 for which no invoices have been received. Since M Corporation and N Corporation are both on the cash receipts and disbursements method, N Corporation must continue to use that method, unless consent of the Commissioner is obtained in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1 to change its method of accounting. Accordingly, N Corporation must include in income when received the unrealized receivables of M Corporation and may deduct the payment of those obligations of M Corporation which would have been deductible by such corporation if paid by it. Thus, N Corporation shall treat as ordinary income the receipt by it of M Corporation's $30,000 of receivables, and may deduct upon payment the amount of M Corporation's $23,000 of payables which would have been deductible by it.

Example (3). S Corporation and T Corporation are both publishers and use the accrual method as their overall method of accounting. Both corporations have elected under section 455 to defer prepaid subscription income to the taxable years during which the liability to furnish the newspaper, magazine, or other periodical exists. T Corporation, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, acquires all the assets of S Corporation and assumes the liability of such corporation to furnish or deliver the newspaper, magazine, or other periodical. On and after the date of the transfer, T Corporation must continue, without further election, to use the accrual method as its over-all method of accounting and to defer prepaid subscription income under section 455, unless consent of the Commissioner is obtained in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1 to change the method of accounting. T Corporation shall carry over the closing balance of S Corporation's prepaid subscription income account. The principles in this example would be equally applicable if both corporations had been deferring prepaid subscription income under a method permitted by subsection (e) of section 455.

(2) *Separate businesses.* If, after the date of distribution or transfer, the trades or businesses of the parties to a transaction described in section 381(a) are operated as separate and distinct trades or businesses within the meaning of paragraph (d) of § 1.446-1, then the method of accounting employed by the parties to the transaction on the date of distribution or transfer with respect to each trade or business shall be used by the acquiring corporation, unless the acquiring corporation has obtained the consent of the Commissioner in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1 to use a different method of accounting, or unless the Commissioner prescribes a different method of accounting under paragraph (b)(1) of § 1.446-1. However, if only a single method of accounting may be employed by a taxpayer with respect to a particular item regardless of the number of separate and distinct trades or businesses operated by such taxpayer, but different methods were employed by the several corporations on the date of distribution or transfer with respect to such item, then the acquiring corporation shall adopt the principal method of accounting determined under paragraph (c) of this section (see subparagraph (2)(iv) thereof) for such item, or the method of accounting determined in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, whichever is applicable. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). M Corporation is engaged in a personal service business and uses the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting. N Corporation is engaged in a retail furniture business and uses the accrual method of accounting. N Corporation acquires the assets of M Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies. In accordance with paragraph (d) of § 1.446-1, N Corporation operates as a separate and distinct trade or business the personal service business formerly operated by M Corporation. Unless consent of the Commissioner is obtained in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1 to change the method of accounting, N Corporation shall continue to use the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting with respect to the personal service business formerly operated by M Corporation, and shall use the accrual method of accounting with respect to the retail furniture business.

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that M Corporation has elected under section 171 to amortize bond premium with respect to fully taxable bonds. N Corporation has not made the election to amortize bond premium with respect to such bonds owned by it. N Corporation may not continue separate accounting methods as to amortizable bond premium but must consistently apply only a single method of accounting with respect to such bond premium since the election to amortize bond premium applies to all fully taxable bonds held by the taxpayer. N Corporation shall use the principal method of accounting determined under paragraph (c) of this section for such bond premium, unless it is determined in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section that a different method of accounting is to be used. However, if such principal or different method of accounting is not to amortize bond premium N Corporation is not precluded from making a new election to the extent permitted by section 171.

(3) *Integrated businesses.* (i) If, after the date of distribution or transfer, any of the trades or business of the parties to a transaction in section 381(a) are not operated as separate and distinct trades or businesses within the meaning of paragraph (d) of § 1.446-1, then, to the extent that the same methods of accounting were employed on the date of distribution or transfer by the parties to the transaction with respect to any trades or businesses which are integrated or are required to be integrated in accordance with section 446(d) and the regulations thereunder, the acquiring corporation shall continue to employ such methods of accounting, unless the acquiring corporation has obtained the consent of the Commissioner in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1 to use a different method of accounting, or unless the Commissioner prescribes a different method of accounting under paragraph (b)(1) of § 1.446-1.

(ii) If, after the date of distribution or transfer, any of the trades or businesses of the parties to a transaction described in section 381(a) are not operated as separate and distinct trades or businesses within the meaning of paragraph (d) of § 1.446-1, then, to the extent that different methods of accounting were employed on the date of distribution or transfer by the parties to the transaction with respect to any trades or businesses which are integrated or required to be integrated in accordance with section 446(d) and the regulations thereunder, this paragraph shall not apply and the acquiring corporation shall adopt the principal method of accounting determined under paragraph (c) of this section or the method of accounting determined in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, whichever is applicable.

(iii) The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). M Corporation and N Corporation both use the accrual method as an overall method of accounting. M Corporation has established a reserve for bad debts while N Corporation uses the specific charge-off method with respect to its bad debts. N Corporation acquires all of the assets of M Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies and integrates the business formerly operated by M Corporation into the business operated by N Corporation before the date of distribution or transfer. N Corporation shall continue to use the accrual method as its overall method of accounting, unless consent of the Commissioner is obtained in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1 to change its method of accounting. N Corporation shall use the principal method of accounting determined under paragraph (c) of this section with respect to bad debts, or the method of accounting determined in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, whichever is applicable.

Example (2). X Corporation conducts two separate and distinct trades or businesses, a personal service business with respect to which the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting is used and a manufacturing business with respect to which the accrual method of accounting is used. Y Corporation conducts a manufacturing business and uses the accrual method of accounting. Y Corporation acquires all of the assets of X Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies. After the date of distribution or transfer, Y integrates the manufacturing business formerly operated by X Corporation into the manufacturing business operated by it and continues to operate as a separate and distinct trade or business the personal service business formerly operated by X Corporation. Unless consent of the Commissioner is obtained in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1 to change the method of accounting, Y Corporation shall continue to use the accrual method of accounting with respect to the integrated manufacturing business and shall continue to use the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting with respect to the personal service business.

(4) *Rules of application.* In any case where the method of accounting employed on the date of distribution or transfer is continued, it will be unnecessary for the acquiring corporation to renew any election previously made by it or by any distributor or transferor corporation with respect to such method of accounting. Also, the acquiring corporation is bound by any election previously made by it or by any distributor or transferor corporation with respect to such method of accounting which is in effect on the date of distribution or transfer to the same extent as though the distribution or transfer had not occurred. If, on the date of distribution or transfer, any party to a section 381(a) transaction had no established method of accounting for any item, or came into existence as a result of the transaction, such party shall not be considered to be using a method of accounting for such item or having an overall method of accounting different from that used by the other parties to the transaction. Where under other sections of the Internal Revenue Code or regulations thereunder a taxpayer is permitted to elect a method of accounting on a project-by-project, job-by-job, or other similar basis (such as the election to charge taxes and carrying charges to capital account under § 1.266-1), that method elected with respect to each project or job shall be deemed to be an established method of accounting only for the project or job for which it is elected. Accordingly, unless two or more of the parties were working on the same project or job and were using different methods of accounting for such project or job before the date of distribution or transfer, the method of accounting previously elected for each project or job must be continued.

(c) *Change of method of accounting without consent of Commissioner*—(1) *General rule.* If the acquiring corporation may not continue to use, under the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section, the method of accounting used by it or the distributor or transferor corporation or corporations on the date of distribution or transfer, the acquiring corporation shall use the principal method of accounting of such corporation (as determined under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph), provided that (i) such method of accounting clearly reflects the income of the acquiring corporation, and (ii) the use of such method is not inconsistent with the provisions of any closing agreement entered into under section 7121 and the regulations thereunder. If the principal method of accounting does not meet these requirements, or if there is no principal method of accounting, see subdivision (i) of paragraph (d)(1) of this section. If the acquiring corporation wishes to use a method of accounting other than the principal method of accounting, see subdivision (ii) of paragraph (d)(1) of this section. Whenever this paragraph applies, the increase or decrease in tax resulting from the change from the method of accounting previously used by any of the corporations involved shall be taken into account by the acquiring corporation. The adjustments necessary to reflect such change and such increase or decrease in tax shall be determined and computed in the same manner as if on the date of distribution or transfer each of the several corporations whose method or methods of accounting are required to be changed in accordance with this section had initiated a change in accounting method. In addition, the acquiring corporation shall take into account the portion of such adjustments which is attributable to pre-1954 Code years to the extent not taken into account by any of the other corporations in accordance with the rules provided in section 481(b)(4) and this paragraph. If the principal method of accounting is adopted under this paragraph, it will be unnecessary for the acquiring corporation to renew any election previously made by it or by any distributor or transferor corporation with respect to such principal method of accounting. Also, in such event, the acquiring corporation is bound by any election previously made by it or by any distributor or transferor corporation with respect to such principal method of accounting which is in effect on the date of distribution or transfer to the same extent as though the distribution or transfer had not occurred.

(2) *Principal method of accounting.* (i) The determination of the principal method of accounting shall be made with respect to each integrated trade or business operated by the acquiring corporation immediately after the date of distribution or transfer, except with respect to items for which only a single method of accounting may be used by any one taxpayer. See subdivision (iv) of this subparagraph. Such determination for an integrated trade or business shall be made by reference to the methods of accounting used immediately preceding the date of distribution or transfer by each of the component trades or businesses which now constitute the integrated trade or business of the acquiring corporation. The method of accounting for items other than those for which special methods of accounting are provided under chapter 1 of the Code and the regulations thereunder (see § 1.446-1(c)(1)(iii)) shall be governed by the principal overall method determined for such trade or business under subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph. The method of accounting for items for which special methods of accounting are provided under chapter 1 of the Code and the regulations thereunder shall be determined under subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph.

(ii) The principal overall method of accounting of an integrated trade or business is determined by making a comparison of—

(*a*) The total of the adjusted bases of the assets (determined under section 1011 and the regulations thereunder) immediately preceding the date of distribution or transfer, and

(*b*) The gross receipts for a representative period (ordinarily the most recent period of 12 consecutive calendar months ending on or prior to the date of distribution or transfer) of the component trades or businesses which are integrated or are required to be integrated. If more than one component trade or business used the same overall method, then such total assets and gross receipts of each of the component trades or businesses shall be aggregated and compared with the aggregate of such total assets and gross receipts of other component trades or businesses which used a different overall method. If this comparison shows that the one or more component trades or businesses (using a common overall method of accounting) having the greatest total of the adjusted bases of assets also has the greatest amount of gross receipts, then the overall method of accounting of such one or more component trades or businesses shall be the principal overall method of accounting. If this comparison shows that the one or more component trades or businesses (using a common overall method of accounting) having the greatest total of the adjusted bases of assets does not also have the greatest amount of gross receipts, then there is no principal overall method of accounting, and the acquiring corporation shall request the Commissioner to determine the appropriate overall method of accounting for such integrated trade or business in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.

(iii) The principal method of accounting for an item for which a special method or methods of accounting are provided under chapter 1 of the Code and the regulations thereunder is determined by comparing the amounts of such item and related accounts for the component trades or businesses in accordance with the principles of subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph. Thus, for example, in the case of bad debts, trades or businesses which are components of the integrated trade or business and which had been using the reserve method of accounting will be compared with the other component trades or businesses which had been using the specific charge-off method of accounting. In such a case, the following factors would ordinarily be used in determining the principal method of accounting for bad debts: (*a*) Sales on account for the most recent period of 12 consecutive calendar months ending on or prior to the date of distribution or transfer, (*b*) accounts receivable immediately before the date of distribution or transfer, and (*c*) the amount of debts which became worthless within the meaning of section 166(a) and the regulations thereunder during the most recent period of 12 consecutive calendar months ending on or prior to the date of distribution or transfer. If this comparison shows that the one or more component trades or businesses using the same method of accounting with respect to bad debts have the greater amounts of such sales, accounts receivable, and bad debts, then the method of accounting with respect to bad debts for such one or more component trades or businesses shall be the principal method of accounting. If such comparison shows that the one or more component trades or businesses using the same method of accounting with respect to bad debts do not have the greater amounts of all of such items, then there is no principal method of accounting with respect to bad debts, and the acquiring corporation shall request the Commissioner to determine the appropriate method of accounting for bad debts for such integrated trade or business in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.

(iv) If a single method of accounting must be employed by a taxpayer with respect to a particular item regardless of the number of separate and distinct trades or businesses operated by the taxpayer, the principal method of accounting for such item shall be determined by comparing the aggregate amount of the item and related accounts for all the parties to the transaction using a common method, with the aggregate amount of the item and related accounts for those parties to the transaction which use a different common method. The method of accounting of the party having the greatest aggregate amount of such item and related accounts shall be the principal method of accounting for such item.

(3) *Examples.* The provisions of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). M Corporation, which commenced business in 1955, uses the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting, while N Corporation uses the accrual method. On June 30, 1961, N Corporation acquires all of the assets of M Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies. N Corporation then integrates its own business with that of M Corporation. Immediately prior to the transfer the total of the adjusted bases of the assets of N Corporation was greater than that of M Corporation, and for the 12-month period ending on June 30, 1961, the gross receipts of N Corporation were greater than that of M Corporation. Under such circumstances, the accrual method of accounting is the principal overall method of accounting and N Corporation shall use such method for the integrated business, provided it clearly reflects income, unless consent of the Commissioner is obtained in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section to use a different method of accounting. Except as to items for which N Corporation had no established method of accounting and items for which a special method of accounting is provided under chapter 1 of the Code and the regulations thereunder, all adjustments necessary to place the accounts of M Corporation on the accrual method shall be made in accordance with section 481. Any increase or decrease in tax resulting from such adjustments shall be taken into account by N Corporation. Such adjustments and such increase or decrease in tax shall be determined and computed in the same manner as if M Corporation had initiated a change in method of accounting on June 30, 1961.

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in example (1) except that the gross receipts of M Corporation were greater than those of N Corporation for the 12-month period ending on June 30, 1961. N Corporation must, under such circumstances, request the Commissioner to determine the appropriate overall method of accounting, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of this section. The necessary adjustments to be made by the corporation whose method of accounting is changed shall be made in accordance with section 481 to place the integrated business on the method so adopted. Any increase or decrease in tax resulting from such adjustments shall be taken into account by N Corporation. Such adjustments and such increase or decrease in tax shall be determined and computed in the same manner as if the corporation whose method is changed had initiated a change in method of accounting on June 30, 1961.

Example (3). Assume the same facts as in example (1). Assume further that M Corporation's deduction for wages and salaries for the 12 calendar months ending on June 30, 1961, is larger than N Corporation's deduction for wages and salaries for such period. Since wages and salaries is not an item for which a special method of accounting is provided under chapter 1 of the Code or the regulations thereunder, the necessary adjustments shall be made in accordance with section 481 to place the wages and salary account of M Corporation on the accrual method of accounting, provided such accrual method clearly reflects income, unless consent of the Commissioner is obtained in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section to use a different method of accounting. Any increase or decrease in tax resulting from such adjustments shall be taken into account by N Corporation. Such adjustments and such increase or decrease in tax shall be determined and computed in the same manner as if M Corporation had initiated a change in method of accounting on June 30, 1961.

Example (4). Assume the same facts as in example (1). Assume further that M Corporation used the specific charge-off method with respect to bad debts, and that N Corporation has established a reserve for bad debts. M Corporation's sales on account and bad debts for the 12 calendar months ending June 30, 1961, were larger than those of N Corporation. Also M Corporation's accounts receivable immediately prior to June 30, 1961, were larger than those of N Corporation. Since the method of accounting for bad debts is a special method of accounting under section 166, M Corporation's method of accounting for bad debts is the principal method of accounting for such item. Assuming such method clearly reflects income, appropriate adjustments shall be made in accordance with section 481 to the accounts of N Corporation to place N Corporation on the specific charge-off method with respect to all of its bad debts, as if N Corporation had initiated a change in method of accounting on June 30, 1961, and N Corporation shall include the amount of its reserve for bad debts in gross income, unless consent of the Commissioner is obtained in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section to use a different method of accounting.

Example (5). Assume the same facts as in example (1) except that M Corporation commenced business in 1945. In addition assume that N Corporation is a calendar-year taxpayer and that of the total amount of the adjustments required by section 481 to place the accounts of M Corporation on the accrual method $40,000 is attributable to pre-1954 Code years as described in section 481(b)(4) and the regulations thereunder. Assume further that M Corporation does not elect, under section 481(b)(6), to take the $40,000 portion of the adjustments into account in the manner described in section 481(b)(1) or (2). In computing the increase in tax of M Corporation attributable to the $40,000 portion of the adjustment for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1961, only one-tenth, or $4,000, will be taken into account. The resulting increase in tax shall be taken into account by N Corporation. The remaining nine-tenths of the $40,000 portion of the adjustments, or $36,000, shall be taken into account by N Corporation in the amount of $4,000 in each of the calender years 1962 through 1970.

(d) *Change of method of accounting with consent of Commissioner*—(1) *General rule.* (i) If the acquiring corporation may not continue to use, under paragraph (b), the method of accounting used by it or the distributor or transferor corporation or corporations on the date of distribution or transfer, and may not under paragraph (c) use the principal method of accounting, or, if there is no principal method of accounting, then the Commissioner shall determine the appropriate method or combination of methods of accounting to be used.

(ii) If an acquiring corporation wishes to use a method or combination of methods of accounting other than the principal method of accounting which is required to be used by paragraph (c) of this section, it shall apply to the Commissioner for permission to use such other method or combination of methods of accounting. Permission to use such other method or combination of methods of accounting will not be granted unless the acquiring corporation and the Commissioner agree to the terms, conditions, and adjustments under which the change to such method or combination of methods will be effected.

(iii) The increase or decrease in tax resulting from the change from the method of accounting previously used by any of the corporations involved shall be taken into account by the acquiring corporation. The adjustments necessary to reflect such change and such increase or decrease in tax shall be determined and computed in the same manner as if, on the date of distribution or transfer, each of the several corporations that were not using the method or combination of methods of accounting adopted pursuant to subdivision (i) or (ii) of this subparagraph had initiated a change in accounting method.

(2) *Time and manner of making application.* Applications under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph for permission to use a method of accounting or requests for determination of the method of accounting to be used shall be filed with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Attention: T:R, Washington, D.C., 20224, not later than 90 days after the date of distribution or transfer, except that in cases where the date of distribution or transfer occurs before August 5, 1964, such applications or requests shall be filed not later than November 3, 1964. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of the statement described in paragraph (b)(3) of § 1.381(b)-1, and by a statement specifying the nature of the transaction which causes section 381 to apply; the difference in accounting methods used by the corporations concerned; the method or methods of accounting proposed to be used by the acquiring corporation; and the various amounts, if any, of items of income or deduction which will be duplicated or omitted in the computation of taxable income under such proposed method or methods. The Commissioner may also require such other information as may be necessary in order to determine the appropriate method or combination of methods of accounting to be used by the acquiring corporation.

(e) *Special rules applicable to distributions or transfers before August 5, 1964*—(1) *Statute of limitations bars assessment or refund.* If the date of distribution or transfer was before August 5, 1964, and if the assessment of any deficiency or the refund or credit of any overpayment for the taxable year of the acquiring corporation which includes the date of distribution or transfer or any subsequent taxable year is prevented by the operation of any law or rule of law, then this section does not authorize the Commissioner or the acquiring corporation to change any method or methods of accounting in any taxable year of the acquiring corporation. However, the Commissioner or the acquiring corporation may change such method or methods of accounting under the provisions of section 446 and the regulations thereunder or, where applicable, any section of the Internal Revenue Code (other than section 381(c)(4)), or the regulations thereunder, in accordance with which such changes may be made without the consent of the Commissioner.

(2) *Statute of limitations does not bar assessment and refund.* Except as provided in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph—

(i) If the date of distribution or transfer was before August 5, 1964, and the acquiring corporation has, for the taxable year which includes the date of distribution or transfer, (*a*) adopted or continued a method of accounting consistent with the rules of this section, (*b*) been granted permission by the Commissioner in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1 to use a method or combination of methods of accounting, or (*c*) adopted a method of accounting that under other sections of the Internal Revenue Code, or regulations thereunder, may be adopted without the consent of the Commissioner, then the method or methods of accounting adopted or continued in the manner described in (*a*), (*b*), and (*c*) shall not be changed, by reason of the rules contained in this section, by the Commissioner or the acquiring corporation for any taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer. However, the Commissioner or the acquiring corporation may change such methods of accounting for any such taxable year under the provisions of, and to the extent permitted by, section 446 and the regulations thereunder or, where applicable, any section of the Internal Revenue Code (other than section 381(c)(4)), or regulations thereunder, in accordance with which such change may be made without the consent of the Commissioner.

(ii) If the date of distribution or transfer was before August 5, 1964, and the acquiring corporation has, for the taxable year which includes the date of distribution or transfer, adopted or continued a method or methods of accounting other than in the manner described in (*a*), (*b*), and (*c*) of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph, then the acquiring corporation may—

(*a*) Continue to use the method or methods of accounting so adopted or continued if such method or methods clearly reflect income and if proper adjustments were made to reflect the adoption of such method or methods, or

(*b*) Adopt the method or methods of accounting prescribed by this section. Such method or methods of accounting shall be adopted by filing an amended return (which includes the proper adjustments required by this section) for the taxable year of the acquiring corporation which includes the date of distribution or transfer, and by filing amended returns for all subsequent taxable years of the acquiring corporation for which returns have previously been filed. Such amended return or returns shall be accompanied by a copy of the statement described in paragraph (b)(3) of § 1.381(b)-1, and by a statement specifying the nature of the transaction which causes section 381 to apply; the difference in accounting methods used by the corporations concerned; the method or methods of accounting originally adopted by the acquiring corporation; the method or methods of accounting adopted on the amended return or returns; and the computation of the amount of the adjustments and the resulting increase or decrease in tax.

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§ 1.381(c)(5)-1 Inventories.

(a) *Carryover requirement*—(1) *General rule.* Section 381(c)(5) provides that in a transaction to which section 331(a) applies and in which inventories are received by the acquiring corporation (as defined in § 1.381(a)-1(b)(2)) such inventories shall be taken by the acquiring corporation (in determining its income) on the same basis on which such inventories were taken by the distributor or tranferor corporation on the date of distribution or transfer unless different inventory methods were used on that date by several distributor or transferor corporations or by a distributor or transferor corporation and the acquiring corporation. If different methods were used, the acquiring corporation shall use the method or combination of methods of taking inventories adopted pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(2) *Rules of application.* Reference in this section to a method or methods of taking inventories are to be construed as referring to both the method or methods of identifying the goods and the method or methods of valuing the goods. The method or methods of taking inventories shall be determined on the date of distribution or transfer, and any corporation, a party to a section 381(a) transaction whose taxable year does not end on such date shall be considered as using the method or methods of taking inventories that it would have employed had its taxable year ended on such date. The amount of the adjustments necessary to reflect the change in method of taking inventories pursuant to this section, the manner in which they are to be taken into account by the acquiring corporation, and the tax attributable thereto shall be determined and computed under section 481 and the regulations thereunder, subject to the rules provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section. However, in the case of any party to a section 381(a) transaction which changes its method of taking inventories to the last-in, first-out method of identification, the adjustments required by section 472(d) shall be applicable. See paragraph (e) of this section. This section shall not be construed as preventing any party to a section 381(a) transaction from adopting an inventory method which, under the provisions of section 471 or 472, and the regulations thereunder, may be adopted without the consent of the Commissioner. For provisions defining the date of distribution or transfer, see paragraph (b) of § 1.381(b)-1.

(b) *Conditions for continuation of methods of taking inventories*—(1) *No difference in method of taking inventories.* (i) If all the parties to a section 381(a) transaction used the same method of taking inventories on the date of distribution or transfer, the acquiring corporation, whether or not immediately after the date of distribution or transfer it operates separate or integrated trades or businesses, shall continue to use such method of taking inventories, unless the acquiring corporation has, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, obtained the consent of the Commissioner to use a different method of taking inventories. For purposes of this determination, a corporation shall be deemed to be using the last-in, first-out method of taking inventories with respect to a particular type of goods on the date of the distribution or transfer, if such corporation elects, under the provisions of section 472, to adopt the last-in, first-out method with respect to such goods for its taxable year within which or with which the date of distribution or transfer occurs.

(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. O and P corporations are manufacturing companies which compute their entire inventories by the use of the last-in, first-out method of identification and the cost basis of valuation. In applying the last-in, first-out method both corporations use the dollar-value method, use the double-extension method, pool under the natural business unit method, and value annual inventory increases by reference to the actual cost of goods most recently purchased. P corporation acquires the assets of O corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies. Under the provisions of this subparagraph, on and after the date of distribution or transfer P corporation must continue to use the last-in, first-out method of identification, the cost basis of valuation, and, in applying the last-in, first-out method, must continue to use the dollar-value method, use the double-extension method, pool under the natural business unit method, and value annual inventory increases by reference to the actual cost of goods most recently purchased, unless, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to change the method of taking inventories.

(2) *Separate businesses.* (i) If, immediately after the date of distribution or transfer, any of the trades or businesses of the parties to a section 381(a) transaction are operated as separate and distinct trades or businesses within the meaning of paragraph (d) of § 1.446-1, then the method or methods of taking inventories employed by such parties to the transaction on the date of distribution or transfer with respect to such trades or businesses shall be used by the acquiring corporation, unless the acquiring corporation has, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, obtained the consent of the Commissioner to use a different method of taking inventories. This subparagraph shall not be construed as precluding the Commissioner under section 471 or 472, and the regulations thereunder, from requiring that the method of taking inventories used in a particular trade or business be used in another trade or business with respect to similar types of goods, if, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the use of such method of taking inventories is necessary for a clear reflection of income.

(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. R Corporation is engaged in the production of radios and television sets and S Corporation is engaged in the production of washers and driers. In computing their inventories both corporations use the cost basis of valuation. R corporation uses the last-in, first-out method of identification, whereas S corporation uses the first-in, first-out method. T corporation acquires the assets of R corporation and S corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies. T corporation operates as a separate and distinct trade or business, within the meaning of paragraph (d) of § 1.446-1, each of the businesses formerly operated by R corporation and S corporation. Under the provisions of this subparagraph, T corporation is required to continue to use the method of taking inventories previously used by R corporation and S corporation, respectively, with respect to each trade or business, unless, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to change the methods of taking inventories, on and after the dates of transfer. However, the Commissioner may require T corporation, in accordance with § 1.472-2, to use the last-in, first-out method with respect to that portion of the goods in the trades or businesses formerly operated by S corporation and T corporation which are similar to goods in the trade or business formerly operated by R corporation, if, in his opinion, the use of the last-in, first-out method with respect to such similar goods is necessary for a clear reflection of income.

(3) *Integrated businesses*—(i) *Same inventory method.* If, immediately after the date of distribution or transfer, any of the trades or businesses of the parties to a section 381(a) transaction are not operated as separate and distinct trades or businesses within

the meaning of paragraph (d) of § 1.446-1, then, to the extent that the same methods of taking inventories for particular types of goods were employed on the date of distribution or transfer by the parties to the transaction with respect to any trades or businesses which are integrated or are required to be integrated in accordance with paragraph (d) of § 1.446-1, the acquiring corporation shall continue to employ such methods of taking inventories for such types of goods, unless, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, the acquiring corporation has obtained the consent of the Commissioner to use a different method of taking inventories. This subdivision shall not be construed as precluding the Commissioner under section 471 or 472, and the regulations thereunder, from requiring that the method of taking inventories used with respect to particular types of goods in a particular trade or business operated by the acquiring corporation after the date of distribution or transfer be used with respect to similar types of goods in another trade or business operated by it after such date if, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the use of such method of taking inventories is necessary for a clear reflection of income.

(ii) *Different inventory methods.* If, immediately after the date of distribution or transfer, any of the trades or businesses of the parties to a section 381(a) transaction are not operated as separate and distinct trades or businesses within the meaning of paragraph (d) of § 1.446-1, then, to the extent that different methods of taking inventories for particular types of goods were employed on the date of distribution or transfer by the parties to the transaction with respect to any trades or businesses which are integrated or required to be integrated in accordance with paragraph (d) of § 1.446-1, the acquiring corporation shall not be permitted to continue to use such different methods of taking inventories, and shall adopt the method of taking inventories described in paragraph (c) of this section for such types of goods unless, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to use a different method of taking inventories.

(iii) *Examples.* The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). O and P corporations are manufacturing companies which compute their entire inventories by the use of the last-in, first-out method of identification and the cost basis of valuation. In applying the last-in, first-out method both corporations use the dollar-value method and the double-extension method. However, O corporation pools under the natural business unit method while P corporation pools under the multiple pool method. In addition, O corporation determines the cost of its annual inventory increase by reference to the actual cost of goods most recently purchased, whereas P corporation determines the cost of such increase by reference to the actual cost of the goods purchased during the taxable year in the order of acquisition. P corporation acquires the assets of O corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies and integrates the business formerly operated by O corporation into the business which was operated by P corporation before the date of distribution or transfer. Under the provisions of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph (relating to the same inventory methods in an integrated trade or business), P corporation shall continue to use the last-in, first-out method of identification, the cost basis of valuation, and in applying the last-in, first-out method, shall continue to use the dollar-value method and the double-extension method, unless, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to change the method of taking inventories. However, under the provisions of subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph (relating to different inventory methods in an integrated trade or business), P corporation shall use the method of taking inventories described in paragraph (c) of this section with respect to the method of pooling and the method of determining the cost of annual inventory increases, unless, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to use a different method of taking inventories.

Example (2). Y and Z corporations are engaged in the manufacture of cereal products. Y corporation uses the first-in, first-out method of identification and the cost or market, whichever is lower, method of valuing its inventories, including oats. Z corporation uses the first-in, first-out method of identification and the cost or market, whichever is lower, method of valuing its inventories, except oats which are valued on the cost method. Y corporation acquires all of the assets of Z corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies and integrates the business formerly operated by Z corporation into the business which was operated by Y corporation before the date of distribution or transfer. Under the provisions of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph (relating to the same. inventory methods in an integrated trade or business), Y corporation must continue to use the first-in, first-out method with respect to all of its inventories and must continue to use the cost or market, whichever is lower, method of valuing all inventories except oats, unless, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to change the method of taking inventories. In addition, under the provisions of subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph (relating to different inventory methods in an integrated trade or business), Y corporation shall use the method described in paragraph (c) of this section in valuing its inventory of oats, unless, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to use a different method of valuing its oats.

(4) *Rules of application.* (i) In any case where the method of taking inventories employed on the date of distribution or transfer is continued, it will be unnecessary for the acquiring corporation to renew any election previously made by it or by any distributor or transferor corporation with respect to such method of taking inventories, and the acquiring corporation is bound by any such elections. If, on the date of distribution or transfer, any party to a section 381(a) transaction had no inventories of a particular type of goods, or such party came into existence as a result of the transaction, such party shall not be considered to be using a method of taking inventories for the particular type of goods different from that used by the other parties to the transaction. If, on the date of distribution or transfer, any one of the parties to the transaction is using the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting and is not required to take inventories, the determination as to whether such method of accounting is to be continued by the acquiring corporation shall be made in accordance with section 381(c)(4) and the regulations thereunder.

(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). M corporation is engaged in manufacturing and computes its inventories under the first-in, first-out method of identification and the cost or market, whichever is lower, method of valuation. N corporation is also engaged in manufacturing and computes its inventories under the first-in, first-out method of identification and the cost method of valuation. M corporation acquires the assets of N corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies and M corporation integrates the business formerly operated by N corporation into the business which was operated by M corporation before the date of distribution or transfer. On the date of distribution or transfer, N corporation has inventories of sheet steel while M corporation has no inventories of this particular type of goods. In all other respects the inventories of the two corporations consist of similar types of goods. Under the provisions of this subparagraph, M corporation must use the first-in, first-out method of identification and the cost method of valuation of inventories of sheet steel, unless, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to change the method of taking such inventories. For other goods in its inventories M corporation must use the first-in, first-out method of identification (as required by subparagraph (3)(i) of this paragraph), and with respect to the method of valuation, must use the method of taking inventories described in paragraph (c) of this section, unless, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to use a different method of taking inventories.

Example (2). W corporation is engaged in the business of raising cattle and uses the cash receipts and disbursements method of computing taxable income. Inventories, therefore, are not required. X corporation is also engaged in the business of raising cattle and uses the accrual method of computing taxable income under which it has elected to use the "farm-price method" of valuing inventories. The assets of W corporation are acquired by X corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies and X corporation integrates the business formerly operated by W corporation into the business which was operated by X corporation before the date of distribution or transfer. Under the provisions of this subparagraph, whether X corporation is required to take inventories will depend upon which method of accounting is used by X corporation after the date of distribution or transfer, in accordance with the provisions of section 381(c)(4) and the regulations thereunder. Therefore, if X corporation uses the cash receipts and disbursements method, it will not be required to take inventories into account in computing its taxable income. However, if X corporation uses the accrual method, it must use the "farm-price method" of taking inventories, unless, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to use a different method of taking inventories.

(c) *Change of method of taking inventories without consent of Commissioner*—(1) *General rule.* If, under the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section, the acquiring corporation is not permitted to continue to use the method of taking inventories used by it or by the distributor or transferor corporation or corporations on the date of distribution or transfer, the acquiring corporation shall use the principal method of taking inventories for each particular type of goods of such corporations, as determined under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph: *Provided,* That:

(i) Such method clearly reflects the income of the acquiring corporation after the distribution or transfer as provided by sections 446(a) and 471 and the regulations thereunder, and

(ii) The use of such method is not inconsistent with the provisions of any closing agreement entered into under section 7121 and the regulations thereunder.

If the principal method does not satisfy the requirements of subdivisions (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph, or if the acquiring corporation wishes to use a method other than the principal method, see paragraph (d)(1) of this section. If the principal method of taking inventories is adopted under this paragraph, it will not be necessary for the acquiring corporation or corporations to renew any election previously made by it or by the distributor or transferor corporation with respect to such principal method of taking inventories, and the acquiring corporation is bound by any such election.

(2) *Principal method of taking inventories.* The determination of the principal method of taking inventories shall be made with respect to each particular type of goods of each integrated trade or business operated by the acquiring corporation immediately after the date of distribution or transfer. Such determination for each integrated trade or business shall be made by reference to the methods of taking inventories previously used in the component trades or businesses for such types of goods which constitute the subsequent integrated trade or business of the acquiring corporation. For purposes of this determination, a corporation shall be deemed to be using the last-in, first-out method of taking inventories with respect to a particular type of goods on the date of the distribution or transfer, if such corporation elects, under the provisions of section 472, to adopt the last-in, first-out method with respect to such goods for its taxable year within which or with which the date of distribution or transfer occurs. The fair market value of the particular types of goods of each group of component trades or businesses with respect to which one method of taking inventories common to all was employed shall be compared with the fair market value of comparable types of goods of other groups of component trades or businesses with respect to which another method of taking inventories common to all was employed. For purposes of the above comparison and to the extent that particular types of goods are included in inventory by grouping or pooling, then such group or pool shall be considered as a single unit. The total fair market value of such group or pool shall be the basis for comparison in determining the principal method of taking inventories. The method of taking inventories of the group of component trades or businesses having the largest fair market value of such inventories shall be the principal method of taking inventories. For purposes of this subparagraph, the fair market value of the inventories of a component trade or business shall be determined immediately after the date of distribution or transfer.

(3) *Examples.* The provisions of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). (i) X, Y, and Z corporations are all engaged in the manufacture of sheet metal. In addition, Y and Z corporations are engaged in the manufacture of paper containers. X and Y corporations use the first-in, first-out method of identifying goods and the cost method of valuing all inventories, while Z corporation uses the first-in, first-out method of identifying goods and the cost or market, whichever is lower, method of valuing all inventories. X, Y, and Z corporations enter into a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, and the acquiring corporation integrates the sheet metal businesses formerly operated by X, Y, and Z corporations and also integrates the paper container businesses formerly operated by Y and Z corporations. Each corporation has the same types of goods in the inventories of its sheet metal business and Y and Z corporations have the same types of goods in the inventories of their paper container businesses. Immediately after the date of distribution or transfer the fair market values of the respective inventories are as follows:

	X	Y	Z
Sheet metal	$10,000	$7,000	$15,000
Paper container		6,000	7,000

(ii) Since X, Y, and Z corporations all used the first-in, first-out method of identifying their inventories as of the date of distribution or transfer, then, under the provisions of paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this section, the acquiring corporation shall continue to use the first-in, first-out method of identifying all goods unless, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to change the method of accounting.

(iii) Since the acquired corporations used different methods of valuing inventories in their sheet metal business and their paper container business, when the businesses were integrated the acquiring corporation must, under the provisions of this paragraph, determine which method of inventory valuation used by the acquired corporations on the date of distribution or transfer is the principal method of inventory valuation for each of such businesses.

(*a*) In determining which is the principal method of valuing inventories for the sheet metal business pursuant to subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the total fair market value of the sheet metal inventories of X and Y corporations, $17,000 (i.e., $10,000 +$7,000=$17,000), is compared with the fair market value of the sheet metal inventory of Z corporation, $15,000. Since the total fair market value of the sheet metal inventories of X and Y corporations ($17,000) exceeds the fair market value of the sheet metal inventory of Z corporation ($15,000), the cost method of valuation used by X and Y corporations is the principal method of taking such inventories, and must be used by the acquiring corporation in valuing such inventories, if the conditions set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph are satisfied.

(*b*) In determining which is the principal method of valuing inventories for the paper container business pursuant to subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the fair market value of the paper container inventory of Y corporation ($6,000) is compared with the fair market value of the paper container inventory of Z corporation ($7,000). Since the fair market value of the paper container inventory of Z corporation ($7,000) exceeds the fair market value of the paper container inventory of Y corporation ($6,000), the cost or market, whichever is lower, method of valuation used by Z corporation is the principal method of taking such inventories, and must be used by the acquiring corporation in valuing such inventories, if the conditions set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph are satisfied.

Example (*2*). (i) X, Y, and Z corporations are all engaged in the manufacture of electrical appliances. In addition, X and Z corporations are engaged in the manufacture of plastic containers. X corporation uses the first-in, first-out method of identifying goods and the cost method of valuing all inventories. Y and Z corporations use the last-in, first-out method of identifying goods and the cost method of valuing all inventories. In applying the last-in, first-out method, Y corporation uses the dollar value method, the double-extension method, and pools under the natural business unit method, while Z corporation uses the dollar value method, the double-extension method, and pools under the multiple pooling method for all inventories. X, Y, and Z corporations enter into a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, and the acquiring corporation integrates the electric appliance businesses formerly operated by X, Y, and Z corporations and also integrates the plastic container businesses formerly operated by X and Z corporations. Each corporation has the same types of goods in the inventories of its electric appliance business and X and Z corporations have the same types of goods in the inventories of their plastic container businesses. Immediately after the date of distribution or transfer, the fair market values of the respective inventories are as follows:

	X	Y	Z
Electric appliance	$13,000	$10,000	$5,000
Plastic container	7,000		6,000

(ii) Since X, Y, and Z corporations all used the cost method of valuing their inventories as of the date of distribution or transfer, then, under the provisions of paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this section, the acquiring corporation shall continue to use the cost method of valuing all goods unless, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to change the method of accounting.

(iii) Since the acquired corporations used different methods of identifying inventories in their electric appliance business and their plastic container business, when the businesses were integrated the acquiring corporation must, under the provisions of this paragraph, determine which method of inventory identification used by the acquired corporations on the date of distribution or transfer is the principal method of inventory identification for each of such businesses.

(*a*)(*1*) In determining which is the principal method of identifying inventories for the electric appliance business pursuant to subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the fair market value of the electric appliance inventory of X corporation, $13,000, is compared with the total fair market value of the electric appliance inventories of Y and Z corporations, $15,000 (i.e., $10,000+$5,000 =$15,000). Since the total fair market value of the electric appliance inventories of Y and Z corporations ($15,000) exceeds the fair market value of the electric appliance inventory of X corporation ($13,000), the last-in, first-out method of identification is the principal method of taking the electric appliance inventories and must be used by the acquiring corporation, if the conditions set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph are satisfied.

(*2*) Since Y and Z corporations used different pooling methods, in applying the last-in, first-out method, the acquiring corporation must, under the provisions of this paragraph, determine which pooling method as used by Y and Z corporations on the date of distribution or transfer is the principal method. In making such determination pursuant to subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the fair market value of the electric appliance inventory of Y corporation ($10,000) is compared with the fair market value of the electric appliance inventory of Z corporation ($5,000). Since the fair market value of the electric appliance inventory of Y corporation ($10,000) exceeds the fair market value of the electric appliance inventory of Z corporation ($5,000), the natural business unit method is the principal method of pooling and must be used by the acquiring corporation in applying the last-in, first-out method with respect to the electric appliance business, if the conditions set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph are satisfied.

In addition, under the provisions of paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this section, the acquiring corporation must use the dollar value method and the double-extension method for valuing goods in its electric appliance inventory since Y and Z corporations both used such methods in valuing their electric appliance inventories as of the date of distribution or transfer, unless, in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1, consent of the Commissioner is obtained to change the method of accounting.

(*b*) In determining which is the principal method of identifying inventories for the plastic container business pursuant to subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the fair market value of the plastic container inventory of X corporation ($7,000) is compared with the fair market value of the plastic container inventory of Z corporation ($6,000). Since the fair market value of the plastic container inventory of X corporation. ($7,000) exceeds the fair market value of the plastic container inventory of Z corporation ($6,000) the first-in, first-out method of identification, as used by X corporation, is the principal method of taking the plastic container inventories and must be used by the acquiring corporation, if the conditions set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph are satisfied.

(d) *Change of method of taking inventories with consent of the Commissioner*—(1) *General rule*—(i) *Carryover and principal method not permitted.* If the acquiring corporation is not permitted, under paragraph (b) of this section, to continue to use the method of taking inventories used by it or the distributor or transferor corporation or corporations on the date of distribution or transfer, and is not permitted, under paragraph (c) of this section, to use the principal method of taking inventories, then such acquiring corporation must request the Commissioner to determine the appropriate method of taking inventories.

(ii) *Principal method required.* If the acquiring corporation wishes to use a method of taking inventories other than the principal method of taking inventories which is required to be used under paragraph (c) of this section, it shall apply to the Commissioner for permission to use such other method of taking inventories. Permission to use such other method of taking inventories will not be granted unless the acquiring corporation and the Commissioner agree to the terms, conditions, and adjustments under which the change to such method will be effected.

(2) *Time and manner of making application.* Request for a determination of the method of taking inventories to

be used under subparagraph (1)(i) of this paragraph or applications for permission to use a method of taking inventories under subparagraph (1)(ii) of this paragraph shall be filed with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Attention: T:I:C, Washington, D.C. 20224, not later than 90 days after the date of distribution or transfer, except that in cases where the date of distribution or transfer occurs before January 15, 1975, such applications or requests shall be filed not later than 90 days after such date. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of the statement described in paragraph (b)(3) of § 1.381(b)-1, and by a statement specifying the nature of the transaction which causes section 381 to apply; the differences in methods of taking inventories used by the corporations concerned; the method of taking inventories proposed to be used by the acquiring corporations; and the amount of adjustments necessary to prevent duplication or omission of items in the computation of taxable income under such proposed method. The Commissioner may also require such other information as may be necessary in order to determine the proper method of taking inventories to be used by the acquiring corporation.

(e) *Treatment of layers of inventories by the acquiring corporation and rules for making adjustments*—(1) *In general.* This paragraph provides rules for treating layers of inventories by the acquiring corporation and rules for making adjustments, once the acquiring corporation's method of taking inventories for its taxable year including the date of distribution or transfer has been determined in accordance with the rules set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section. Thus, for example, if the acquiring corporation uses the last-in, first-out method of taking inventories for its taxable year including the date of distribution or transfer, either because such corporation elects the last-in, first-out method of taking inventories under the provisions of section 472 for such year or because such method is otherwise determined to be the principal method of taking inventories under paragraph (c)(2) of this section, then such corporation shall integrate its layers of inventories and make the necessary adjustments in accordance with the rules under paragraph (e)(2) of this section.

(2) *Acquiring corporation uses last-in, first-out method*—(i) *Dollar-value method*—(*a*) *Distributor or transferor corporation using last-in, first-out method.* In any case where the acquiring corporation is required or permitted to use the dollar value method of pricing inventories on the last-in, first-out method for its taxable year including the date of distribution or transfer, the inventories of each distributor or transferor corporation which used the last-in, first-out method for its taxable year in which the distribution or transfer occurred shall be placed on the dollar value method pursuant to the rules contained in paragraph (f) of § 1.472-8, and then such inventories shall be integrated with the inventories of the acquiring corporation. If pools of each corporation are permitted or required to be combined, they shall be combined in accordance with the principles set forth in paragraph (g)(2) of § 1.472-8. For purposes of combining pools, all base-year inventories or layers of increment which occur in taxable years including the same December 31 shall be combined. A base-year inventory or layer of increment occurring in any short taxable year not including a December 31 or in the final taxable year of a distributor or transferor corporation shall be merged with and considered a layer of increment of its immediately preceding taxable year.

(*b*) *Distributor or transferor corporation not using last-in, first-out method.* In any case where the acquiring corporation is required or permitted to use the last-in, first-out method of taking inventories for its taxable year including the date of distribution or transfer, the inventories of each distributor or transferor corporation which did not use the last-in, first-out method for its taxable year in which the distribution or transfer occurred shall be treated by the acquiring corporation as having been acquired at their average unit cost in a single transaction on the date of distribution or transfer. Thus, where the acquiring corporation is required or permitted to use the dollar value method of pricing inventories, if an item of inventory is to be combined in an existing dollar value pool, such item shall be treated as if it were purchased at its average unit cost on the date of distribution or transfer with respect to such pool. On the other hand, if such item is not to be combined in an existing pool and the taxpayer otherwise uses LIFO with respect to such item, such item will be treated as if it were purchased at its average unit cost on the date of distribution or transfer with respect to a new pool (if any), with the base-year being the year of distribution or transfer. Adjustments resulting from a restoration to cost of any write-down to market value of such inventories of a distributor or transferor corporation shall be taken into account by such corporation in its final taxable year (where such year is closed by reason of section 381(b)). See section 472(d).

(ii) *Specific goods method—(a) Distributor or transferor corporation using last-in, first-out method.* In any case where the acquiring corporation is required or permitted to use the specific goods method of pricing inventories on the last-in, first-out method for its taxable year including the date of distribution or transfer, the inventories of each distributor or transferor corporation which used the last-in, first-out method for its taxable year in which the distribution or transfer occurred shall be treated by the acquiring corporation as having the acquisition dates and costs of the distributor or transferor corporation.

(*b*) *Distributor or transferor not using last-in, first-out method.* See paragraph (e)(1)(i) (*b*) of this section.

(3) *Acquiring corporation uses first-in, first-out method—*(i) *Distributor or transferor corporations not using first-in, first-out method.* In any case where the acquiring corporation is permitted or required to use the first-in, first-out method of taking inventories for its taxable year including the date of distribution or transfer, the inventories of each distributor or transferor corporation which did not use the first-in, first-out method shall be treated by the acquiring corporation as having the same acquisition dates and costs which such inventory would have had if the distributor or transferor corporation had been using the first-in, first-out method for its taxable year in which the distribution or transfer occurred. However, if the acquiring corporation values its inventories at cost or market, whichever is lower, then the acquired inventories shall be treated as having been acquired at cost or market, whichever is lower.

(ii) *Distributor or transferor corporation using first-in, first-out method.* In any case where the acquiring corporation is required or permitted to use the first-in, first-out method of taking inventories for its taxable year including the date of distribution or transfer, the inventories of each distributor or transferor corporation which used such method for its taxable year in which the distribution or transfer occurred shall be treated by the acquiring corporation as having the same acquisition dates and costs as the distributor or transferor corporations. However, where the acquiring corporation values its inventories at cost or market, whichever is lower, then the acquiring corporation shall treat the acquired inventories as having been acquired at cost or market, whichever is lower.

(4) *Adjustments.* Except as provided in paragraph (e)(1) of this section with respect to any adjustments under section 472(d), the adjustments necessary to reflect the change from the method of taking inventories previously used by any of the corporations involved (including any adjustments required by section 481), shall be determined and computed in the same manner as if on the date of distribution or transfer, each of the several corporations that were not using the method of taking inventories used by the acquiring corporation for its taxable year including the date of distribution or transfer had initiated a change in the method of taking inventories. However, such adjustments (as an item of income or deduction, as the case may be) shall be taken into account solely by the acquiring corporation in computing its taxable income.

(f) *Basis of inventories received.* The basis of inventories received by the acquiring corporation from a distributor or transferor corporation shall be determined in accordance with section 334(b)(1) or 362(b), and the regulations thereunder. See also section 1013, and the regulations thereunder.

(g) *Additional rules applicable to distributions or transfers before January 15, 1975*—(1) *Statute of limitations bars assessment or refund.* If the date of distribution or transfer was before January 15, 1975, and if the assessment of any deficiency or the refund or credit of any overpayment for the taxable year of the acquiring corporation which includes the date of distribution or transfer or any subsequent taxable year is prevented by the operation of any law or rule of law, then this section does not authorize the Commissioner or the acquiring corporation to change any method or methods of computing inventories in any taxable year of the acquiring corporation. However, the Commissioner or the acquiring corporation may change such method or methods of computing inventories under the provisions of section 446, 471, or 472 and the regulations thereunder.

(2) *Statute of limitations does not bar assessment and refund.* Except as provided in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph—

(i) If the date of distribution or transfer was before January 15, 1975, and the acquiring corporation has, for the taxable year which includes the date of distribution or transfer:

(*a*) Adopted or continued a method or methods of taking inventories consistent with the rules of this section,

(*b*) Been granted permission by the Commissioner, in accordance with section 446, 471, or 472 and the regulations thereunder, to use a method or methods of taking inventories, or

(*c*) Adopted a method or methods of taking inventories that, under section 446, 471, or 472 and the regulations thereunder may be adopted without the consent of the Commissioner,

then the method or methods of taking inventories adopted or continued in the manner described in (*a*), (*b*), or (*c*) of this subdivision, shall not be changed, by reason of the rules contained in this section, by the Commissioner or by the acquiring corporation for any taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer. However, the Commissioner or the acquiring corporation may change such method or methods of taking inventories for any such taxable year under the provisions of, and to the extent permitted by, section 446, 471, or 472 and the regulations thereunder.

(ii) If the date of distribution or transfer was before January 15, 1975, and the acquiring corporation has, for the taxable year which includes the date of distribution or transfer, adopted or continued a method or methods of taking inventories other than in the manner described in (*a*), (*b*), or (*c*) of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph, then the acquiring corporation may—

(*a*) Continue to use the method or methods of taking inventories so adopted or continued if such method or methods clearly reflect income and if proper adjustments were made to reflect the adoption of such method or methods, or

(*b*) Adopt the method or methods of taking inventories prescribed by this section.

Such method or methods of taking inventories shall be adopted by filing an amended return (which includes the proper adjustments required by this section) for the taxable year of the acquiring corporation which includes the date of distribution or transfer, and by filing amended returns for all subsequent taxable years of the acquiring corporation for which returns have previously been filed. Such amended return or returns shall be accompanied by a copy of the statement described in paragraph (b)(3) of § 1.381(b)-1, and by a statement specifying the nature of the transaction which causes section 381 to apply; the difference in methods of taking inventories used by the corporation concerned; the method or methods of taking inventories originally adopted by the acquiring corporation; the method or methods of taking inventories adopted on the amended return or returns; and the computation of the amount of the adjustments and the resulting increase or decrease in tax.

(h) *Effective date.* This section is applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after January 15, 1975.

However, if a taxpayer wishes to rely on the rules stated in this section for taxable years beginning before January 15, 1975 it may do so, subject to the provisions of paragraph (g) of this section.

(Sec. 381(c)(5) and 7805 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (68A Stat. 917; 26 U.S.C. 381(c)(5) and 7805))

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§ 1.381(c)(6)-1 Depreciation method.

(a) *Carryover requirement*—(1) *Distributions in taxable years ending before July 25, 1969.* (i) Section 381(c)(6) provides that if, in a transaction in a taxable year which ends before July 25, 1969, to which section 381(a) applies, an acquiring corporation acquires depreciable property from a distributor or transferor corporation which computes its allowance for the depreciation of the property under section 167(b) (2), (3), or (4), the acquiring corporation shall compute its depreciation allowance by the same method used by the distributor or transferor corporation with respect to such property. Thus, if the distributor or transferor corporation used the sum of the years-digits method under section 167(b)(3) with respect to an asset distributed or transferred to an acquiring corporation, the acquiring corporation will be required to use the sum of the years-digits method with respect to such asset acquired. The computation of the depreciation allowance with respect to the property acquired shall be made under the provisions of section 167 and the regulations thereunder.

(ii) The rules provided in section 381(c)(6) and subdivision (i) of this subparagraph will apply only with respect to that part or all of the basis of the property in the hands of the acquiring corporation immediately after the date of distribution or transfer as does not exceed the basis of the property in the hands of the distributor or transferor corporation on the date of the distribution or transfer. For this purpose, the basis of the property in the hands of the distributor or transferor corporation shall be the adjusted basis provided in section 1011 for the purpose of determining gain on the sale or other disposition of such property. For provisions defining the date of distribution or transfer see § 1.381(b)-1(b).

(2) *Distributions in taxable years ending after July 24, 1969.* (i) Section 381(c)(6) provides that if, in a transaction in a taxable year ending after July 24, 1969, to which section 381(a) applies, an acquiring corporation acquires depreciable property from a distributor or transferor corporation which computes its allowances for the depreciation of the property under subsection (b), (j), or (k) of section 167, the acquiring corporation shall compute its depreciation allowance by the same method used by the distributor or transferor corporation with respect to such property. Thus, if the distributor or transferor corporation used the straight line method under section 167(b)(1) with respect to an asset distributed or transferred to an acquiring corporation, the acquiring corporation will be required to use the straight line method with respect to such asset. Similarly, if the distributor or transferor corporation elected to compute depreciation under section 167(k) with respect to property attributable to rehabilitation expenditures, and such property is transferred to an acquiring corporation, the acquiring corporation will be required to compute depreciation under section 167(k) with respect to the property acquired. The computation of the depreciation allowance with respect to the property acquired shall be made under the provisions of section 167 and the regulations thereunder.

(ii) The rules provided in section 381(c)(6) and subdivision (i) of this subparagraph shall apply only with respect to that part or all of the basis of the property in the hands of the acquiring corporation immediately after the date of distribution or transfer as does not exceed the basis of the property in the hands of the distributor or transferor corporation on the date of the distribution or transfer. For this purpose, the basis of the property in the hands of the distributor or transferor corporation shall be the adjusted basis provided in section 1011 for the purpose of determining gain on the sale or other disposition of such property. For provisions defining the date of distribution or transfer see § 1.38(b)-1(b).

(b) *Portion in excess of distributor or transferor corporation's basis*—(1) *General rule.* With respect to that part of the basis of the depreciable property (other than certain section 1250 property described in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph) which in the hands of the acquiring corporation exceeds the adjusted basis to the distributor or transferor corporation, the acquiring corporation may use any reasonable method of computing depreciation, other than the methods provided in section 167(b)(2), (3), or (4). See paragraph (b) of § 1.167(b)-0 for methods which are acceptable under section 167(a) with respect to such property. See also sections 334(b)(1) and 362(b) for the determination of basis of property in the hands of the acquiring corporation in connection with a transaction to which section 381(a) applies.

(2) *Section 1250 property.* With respect to that part of the basis of section 1250 property acquired after July 24, 1969, which in the hands of the acquiring corporation exceeds the adjusted basis to the distributor or transferor corporation, the acquiring corporation shall be subject to the limitations contained in section 167(j)(4) (relating to used section 1250 property) or 167(j)(5) (relating to used residential rental property). Thus, for example, if section 1250 property which is not residential rental property is acquired in a section 381(a) transaction after July 24, 1969, the straight line method of depreciation (or other method allowable under section 167(j)(4)(B)) is the only acceptable method with respect to that portion of the basis of the property which, in the hands of the acquiring corporation, exceeds the adjusted basis to the transferor or distributor corporation.

(c) *Records required.* Records shall be maintained in sufficient detail to identify any depreciable property to which this section applies, and to establish the basis thereof.

(d) *Agreement under section 167(d).* To the extent not inconsistent with paragraph (b) of this section, an acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation in the case of an agreement between the distributor or transferor corporation and the district director under section 167(d) and § 1.167(d)-1 with respect to property to which section 381(c)(6) and this section apply. Thus, in the case where the basis of an asset in the hands of an acquiring corporation exceeds the basis of such asset in the hands of the distributor or the transferor corporation, such an agreement will not have the effect of permitting the acquiring corporation to compute its depreciation allowance with respect to such excess basis under the methods provided in section 167(b) (2), (3), or (4). However, the provisions of the agreement will continue to apply with respect to the useful life of the asset.

(e) *Change of method of depreciation.* Although the acquiring corporation is required to use the method of computing depreciation used by the distributor or transferor with respect to depreciable property to which this section applies, such acquiring corporation may use another method with respect to such property if consent of the Commissioner is obtained in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1. Further, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of § 1.167(e)-1 the acquiring corporation may change from the declining balance method described in section 167(b)(2) to the straight line method without consent of the Commissioner.

(f) *Successive transactions to which* section 381(a) applies. The provisions of this section shall apply in the case of successive transactions to which section 381(a) applies. Thus, for example, if X Corporation, a transferor corporation, used the sum of the years-digits method under section 167(b)(3) with respect to an asset transferred to Y Corporation, an acquiring corporation, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, and subsequently Y Corporation, using the same method, transfers such asset to Z Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) also applies, then Z Corporation shall be required to use the sum of the years-digits method with respect to such asset.

(g) *Illustration.* The application of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. M and N Corporations compute their taxable incomes on the basis of the calendar year. On December 31, 1959, M Corporation transfers all of its assets to N Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies. Included among these assets is an item of depreciable property which on that date has an adjusted basis (for determining gain) of $800,000 after M Corporation takes into account for 1959 its allowance for depreciation under section 167(b)(2). The basis attributable to the asset under section 362(b) is determined to be $900,000 in the hands of N Corporation. Under the provisions of section 381(c)(6) and paragraph (a) of this section, N Corporation is required to compute its allowance for the depreciation of the asset under section 167(b)(2) for 1960 and subsequent years but only in respect of $800,000 of its basis. N Corporation may use any reasonable method other than the methods provided in section 167(b) (2), (3), or (4) in computing its depreciation allowance of the remaining $100,000.

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§ 1.381(c)(8)-1 Installment method.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* (1) Section 381(c)(8) provides that if, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, an acquiring corporation acquires installment obligations, the income from which the distributor or transferor corporation has elected under section 453 and the regulations thereunder to report on the installment method, then the acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation would have been treated under section 453 had it not transferred the installment obligations. Thus, if the distributor or transferor corporation had properly elected to return income from the sale or other disposition of property giving rise to the obligations on the installment method, then the acquiring corporation shall be required to return the income from all such installment obligations in the same manner and to the same extent as the distributor or transferor corporation, unless consent of the Commissioner to use another method is obtained in accordance with paragraph (e) of § 1.446-1. Amounts received by the acquiring corporation on or after the date of distribution or transfer with respect to an installment sale made by the distributor or transferor corporation will not be taken into account in applying the limitation under section 453(b)(2) with respect to the amount of payments received in the year of sale or other disposition.

(2) Section 381(c)(8) and this section have no application to sales or other dispositions of property made by the acquiring corporation on or after the date of distribution or transfer. For provisions defining the date of distribution or transfer, see § 1.381(b)-1(b). See section 381(c)(4) and the regulations thereunder for rules relating to the proper method or combination of methods of accounting to be used by the acquiring corporation.

(b) *Basis of obligations.* The basis in the hands of an acquiring corporation of installment obligations described in section 381(c)(8) and paragraph (a) of this section shall be the same as in the hands of the distributor or transferor corporation.

(c) *Repossession of property sold in prior years.* If the acquiring corporation repossesses property, previously sold by the distributor or transferor corporation, by reason of default by the purchaser in payment of the acquired installment obligations, then the acquiring corporation shall be treated as though it were the vendor corporation for purposes of determining, under section 453 and the regulations thereunder, the gain, loss, income, or deduction with respect to the property repossessed.

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§ 1.381(c)(9)-1 Amortization of bond discount or premium.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* If, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, the acquiring corporation assumes liability for the payment of bonds of a distributor or transferor corporation which were issued at a discount or premium, then under the provisions of section 381(c)(9) the acquiring corporation is to be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation after the date of distribution or transfer for purposes of determining the amount of amortization allowable, or includible, with respect to such discount or premium in computing taxable income. Thus, if subsequent to February 28, 1913, a distributor or transferor corporation issues bonds at a premium and the liability for them is assumed by the acquiring corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, then the net amount of the premium is income which should be prorated or amortized over the life of the bonds, including the period during which the acquiring corporation is liable upon the obligations assumed. On the other hand, if a distributor or transferor corporation issues bonds at a discount and the liability for them is assumed by the acquiring corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, then the net amount of the discount is deductible in computing taxable income but should be prorated or amortized over the life of the bonds, including the period during which the acquiring corporation is liable upon the obligations assumed.

(b) *Expense incurred upon issuance of bonds.* If, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, the acquiring corporation assumes liability for bonds of a distributor or transferor corporation which were issued at a discount or premium, the acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation after the date of distribution or transfer with respect to the expense incurred upon the issuance of such bonds.

(c) *Purchase of bonds.* If, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, the acquiring corporation assumes liability for bonds of a distributor or transferor corporation which were issued at a discount or premium and if the acquiring corporation subsequently purchases such bonds, then the acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation for the purpose of determining the amount of any income or deduction resulting from the purchase. See paragraph (c) of § 1.61-12. For rules relating to the exchange or substitution of bonds issued by the acquiring corporation for bonds of a distributor or transferor corporation, see paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) *Exchange of new for old bonds.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if—

(1) In a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, bonds of the acquiring corporation are exchanged or substituted for bonds of a distributor or transferor corporation which were issued at a discount or premium, or

(2) Bonds of the acquiring corporation are exchanged or substituted for bonds of a distributor or transferor corporation which were issued at a discount or premium and in respect of which the acquiring corporation has assumed the liability in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies,

then, with respect to any unamortized discount, premium, or expense of issuance attributable to such bonds of the distributor or transferor corporation, the acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation.

(e) *Bonds of a distributor or transferor corporation.* For purposes of applying section 381(c)(9), the term "bonds of a distributor or transferor corporation" includes not only bonds issued by the distributor or transferor corporation but also bonds for which the distributor or transferor corporation has assumed liability. Thus, if the distributor or transferor corporation has assumed liability for bonds in a transaction in which any unamortized discount or premium attributable to such bonds carried over to such corporation, then the acquiring corporation assuming liability for the bonds shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation after the date of distribution or transfer for purposes of determining the amount of amortization allowable, or includible, with respect to such discount or premium. On the other hand, if the distributor or transferor corporation has assumed liability for bonds in a transaction in which any unamortized discount or premium attributable to such bonds did not carry over to such corporation, then there can be no carryover to the acquiring corporation under this section.

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§ 1.381(c)(10)-1 Deferred exploration and development expenditures.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* (1) If for any taxable year a distributor or transferor corporation has elected under section 615 or section 616 (or corresponding provisions of prior law) to defer and deduct on a ratable basis any exploration or development expenditures made in connection with any ore, mineral, mine, or other natural deposit transferred to the acquiring corporation in a transaction described in section 381(a), then under the provisions of section 381(c)(10) the acquiring corporation shall be entitled to deduct such expenditures on a ratable basis in the same manner, and to the same extent, as they would have been deductible by the distributor or transferor corporation in the absence of the distribution or transfer. For this purpose, the acquiring corporation shall be treated as though it were the distributor or transferor corporation. The principles set forth in paragraph (e) of § 1.615-3 and paragraph (f) of § 1.616-2 are applicable in computing the amount of the deduction allowable to the acquiring corporation in respect of expenditures deferred by a distributor or transferor corporation.

Example. X and Y Corporations are both organized on January 1, 1955, and both corporations compute their taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. During 1955, X Corporation purchases a mineral property which it begins to develop in 1956. During 1956, X Corporation incurs development expenditures of $500,000 in respect of such property which it elects to defer under section 616(b). On December 31, 1956, Y Corporation acquires all of the assets of X Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies, no gain being recognized to X Corporation on the transfer. In 1957, Y Corporation sells 150,000 units of produced ore benefited by the development expenditures incurred and deferred by X Corporation, and the number of units remaining as of the end of 1957, plus the number of units sold during that year, is estimated to be 1,000,000. In addition to its deduction for depletion, Y Corporation is, in 1957, entitled to a deduction under sections 616(b) and 381(c)(10) of $75,000 of the development expenditures previously deferred by X Corporation, that is, $500,000 × 150,000/1,000,000.

(2) If a distributor or transferor corporation has elected under section 615 or section 616 (or corresponding provisions of prior law) to defer exploration or development expenditures in respect of a mine or other natural deposit which it subsequently disposes of except for a retained economic interest therein, such as the right to royalty income or in-ore payments, and such retained economic interest is transferred to the acquiring corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, then the acquiring corporation shall be entitled to deduct such deferred expenditures attributable to the economic interest retained on a ratable basis to the same extent they would have been deductible by the distributor or transferor corporation in the absence of the distribution or transfer. See paragraph (c) of § 1.615-3 and paragraph (c) of § 1.616-2.

(3) For purposes of this section, the terms "exploration expenditures" and "development expenditures" shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to them in the regulations under sections 615 and 616 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or under sections 23(cc) and 23(ff) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, whichever applies. See, for example, paragraph (a) of § 1.615-1 and paragraph (a) of § 1.616-1.

(b) *Effect and identification of election previously made.* (1) The election made by a distributor or transferor corporation under the provisions of section 615 or section 616 (or corresponding provisions of prior law) to defer exploration or development expenditures in respect of any taxable year may not be revoked by the acquiring corporation for any reason whatsoever.

(2) When filing its return for the first taxable year for which it deducts exploration or development expenditures which were deferred under section 615 or section 616 (or corresponding provisions of prior law) by a distributor or transferor corporation, the acquiring corporation shall attach thereto a statement properly identifying the taxable year for which the election to defer was made by the distributor or transferor corporation, the name of the corporation which made

the election, and the district director with whom the election was filed.

(3) It is unnecessary for an acquiring corporation to renew an election to defer exploration or development expenditures which was made by a distributor or transferor corporation.

(c) *Successive transactions to which section 381(a) applies.* If, by virtue of section 381(c)(10), the acquiring corporation is entitled to deduct exploration or development expenditures deferred by a distributor or transferor corporation, then such acquiring corporation shall be deemed to have made the election to defer such expenditures for purposes of applying section 381(c)(10) to any subsequent transaction in which such acquiring corporation is a distributor or transferor corporation.

(d) *Carryover of limitation requirements.* (1) If a distributor or transferor corporation transfers any mineral property to the acquiring corporation in a transaction described in section 381(a) and the acquiring corporation pays or incurs exploration expenditures in a taxable year ending after the date of the distribution or transfer, then in applying the 4-year or $400,000 limitations described in section 615(c) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of § 1.615-4, whichever is applicable, the acquiring corporation shall be deemed to have been allowed any deduction which, for any taxable year ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer, was allowed to the distributor or transferor corporation under section 615(a), or under section 23(ff)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, or to have made any election which, for any such preceding year, was made by the distributor or transferor corporation under section 615(b), or under section 23(ff)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939. Thus, in such instance, the acquiring corporation shall taken into account the years in which the distributor or transferor corporation exercised the election to deduct or defer exploration expenditures and any amounts so deducted or deferred. For this purpose, it is immaterial whether the deduction has been allowed to, or the election has been made by, the distributor or transferor corporation with respect to the specific mineral property transferred by that corporation to the acquiring corporation.

(2) Generally, for purposes of applying the 4-year limitation described in paragraph (a) of § 1.615-4, if there are two or more distributor or transferor corporations that transfer any mineral property to the acquiring corporation, each taxable year of any such corporation ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer in which exploration expenditures were deducted or deferred shall be treated as a separate taxable year regardless of the fact that the taxable years of two or more such corporations normally end on the same date. However, if the date of distribution or transfer is the same with respect to more than one distributor or transferor corporation, then the taxable years of such corporations ending on the same date of distribution or transfer shall be considered as one taxable year for purposes of applying the 4-year limitation even though more than one such corporation deducted or deferred exploration expenditures for such taxable years.

(3) For purposes of applying the $400,000 limitation described in paragraph (b) of § 1.615-4, if there are two or more distributor or transferor corporations that transfer any mineral property to the acquiring corporation, any exploration expenditures which were deducted or treated as deferred expenses by such corporations for taxable years ending after December 31, 1950, shall be taken into account by the acquiring corporation.

(4) If a distributor or transferor corporation that transfers any mineral property to the acquiring corporation was required to take into account any taxable years or amounts of its transferor, as provided by paragraph (e) of § 1.615-4, for purposes of either the 4-year limitation described in paragraph (a) of § 1.615-4 or the $400,000 limitation described in paragraph (b) of § 1.615-4, then the acquiring corporation shall also take these taxable years and amounts into account in applying the same limitations.

(5) The provisions of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). M and N Corporations were organized on January 1, 1956, and each corporation computes its taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. For each of its taxable years 1956 and 1957, M Corporation expended $60,000 for exploration expenditures and exercised the option to deduct such amounts under section 615(a). N Corporation made no exploration expenditures during its taxable years 1956 and 1957. On December 31, 1957, M Corporation transferred all of its assets to N Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, no gain being recognized to the transferor corporation on the transfer. N Corporation made exploration expenditures of $100,000, $120,000, $110,000, and $100,000 for the years 1958, 1959, 1960, and 1961, respectively, which expenditures it desired to deduct under section 615(a) to the extent allowable. On the basis of these facts, N Corporation may deduct up to $100,000 for each of the years 1958 and 1959. No deduction or deferral is allowable for 1960 since the benefits of section 615(c) were previously availed of for 4 taxable years. However, N Corporation may deduct $80,000 for 1961 (the 4-year limitation not applying to such year) but, if such deduction is made, N Corporation will not be allowed any further deductions or deferrals since the $400,000 limitation of paragraph (b) of § 1.615-4 will have been reached.

Example (2). R and S Corporations were organized on January 1, 1955, and each corporation computes its income on the basis of the calendar year. For the 1955 taxable year neither corporation made any exploration expenditures under section 615(a). On June 30, 1956, R Corporation transferred all its assets to S Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, no gain being recognized to the transferor corporation on the transfer. During its short taxable year ending June 30, 1956, R Corporation made exploration expenditures of $60,000 which it elected to deduct under section 615. For its taxable year ending December 31, 1956, S Corporation may deduct or defer exploration expenditures up to $100,000 since this is a separate election for purposes of utilizing section 615 and is not affected by the $60,000 previously deducted by R Corporation. Assuming S Corporation exercises an election under section 615 for its taxable year ending December 31, 1956, S Corporation may elect to apply the benefits of section 615 to exploration expenditures for two more taxable years. However, for taxable years beginning after July 6, 1960 (the 4-year limitation not applying), S Corporation is entitled under section 615 to deduct or defer exploration expenditures made in such years to the extent that the combined deductions and deferrals by R and S Corporations in prior years did not exceed $400,000.

Example (3). O and P Corporations were organized on January 1, 1955, and each corporation computes its taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. For their taxable years 1955, 1956, and 1957, each corporation deducted exploration expenditures made in such years under section 615(a). On June 30, 1958, O Corporation transferred all its assets to P Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, no gain being recognized to the transferor corporation on the transfer. If, during its short taxable year ending June 30, 1958, O Corporation made additional exploration expenditures, it may deduct or defer such expenditures (up to $100,000) under section 615 since O Corporation has utilized section 615 in only three previous taxable years. For its taxable years ending after June 30, 1958, and beginning before July 7, 1960, P Corporation may not deduct or defer exploration expenditures under section 615, since the benefits of that section were utilized by O and P Corporations for 4 taxable years. However, for taxable years beginning after July 6, 1960 (the 4-year limitation not applying), P is entitled under section 615 to deduct or defer exploration expenditures made in such years to the extent that the combined deductions and deferrals by O and P Corporations in prior years do not exceed $400,000. See paragraph (b) of § 1.615-4.

Example (4). X, Y, and Z Corporations were organized on January 1, 1955, and each corporation computes its taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. For their taxable years ending December 31, 1955, X and Y Corporations each deferred $100,000 for exploration expenditures made in such taxable years under section 615(b). Z Corporation made no exploration expenditures during its taxable year ending December 31, 1955. On March 31, 1956, X and Y Corporations transferred all their assets to Z Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, no gain being recognized to the transferor corporations on the transfer. X and Y Corporations each made exploration expenditures of $75,000 during their short taxable years ending March 31, 1956, which they deducted under section 615(a). For purposes of taxable years beginning before July 7, 1960, Z Corporation must take into account the taxable years in which X and Y Corporations deducted or deferred exploration expenditures. In so doing, each taxable year in which exploration expenditures were deducted or deferred must be taken into account except that the taxable years of X and Y Corporations ending on March 31, 1956, shall be considered as one taxable year. Therefore, Z Corporation may deduct or defer exploration expenditures in accordance with section 615 for any one taxable year ending after March 31, 1956, and beginning before July 7, 1960. However, for taxable years beginning after July 6, 1960 (the 4-year limitation not applying), Z Corporation must take into account for purposes of the $400,000 limitation all of the $350,000 of exploration expenditures deducted or deferred by X, Y, and Z Corporations during taxable years ending after December 31, 1950. Therefore, Z Corporation, assuming it has not deducted or deferred any exploration expenditures, is entitled under section 615 to deduct or defer in taxable years beginning after July 6, 1960, up to $50,000 for exploration expenditures made in such years.

Example (5). For purposes of this example, assume that each taxpayer computes taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. Taxpayer A, an individual who has deducted exploration expenditures of $75,000 under section 23(ff) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 for each of his taxable years 1952 and 1953, transferred a mineral property to K Corporation on January 1, 1954, in a transaction in which the basis of the mineral property in the hands of K Corporation is determined under section 362(a). For its taxable year 1954 and pursuant to section 615(a)., K Corporation deducted exploration expenditures of $100,000 which it made in such year. K Corporation had made no exploration expenditures in any preceding taxable year. On December 31, 1954, K Corporation transferred all its assets to L Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies, no gain being recognized to the transferor corporation on the transfer. Assuming that L Corporation has not deducted or deferred exploration expenditures in any preceding taxable year, L Corporation may deduct or defer exploration expenditures (up to $100,000) in accordance with section 615 for any one taxable year ending after December 31, 1954, and beginning before July 7, 1960, in view of the 4-year limitation. However, if L Corporation does not deduct or defer exploration expenditures in that period, then for taxable years beginning after July 6, 1960 (the 4-year limitation not applying), L Corporation is entitled to deduct or defer up to $150,000 (but not to exceed $100,000 per year) for exploration expenditures made in such years. See paragraph (b) of § 1.615-4.

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§ 1.381(c)(11)-1 Contributions to pension plan, employees' annuity plans, and stock bonus and profit-sharing plans.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* Section 381(c)(11) provides that, for purposes of determining amounts deductible under section 404 for any taxable year, the acquiring corporation shall be considered after the date of distribution or transfer to be the distributor or transferor corporation in respect of any pension, annuity, stock bonus, or profit-sharing plan.

(b) *Nature of carryover.* (1) Primarily, section 381(c)(11) and this section apply to the amount of any unused deductions or excess contributions carryovers which, in the absence of the transaction causing section 381 to apply, would have been available to the distributor or transferor corporation under section 404. Thus, for example, this section applies to unused deductions under a profit-sharing or stock bonus trust which, in accordance with the second sentence of section 404(a)(3)(A) and § 1.404(a)-9, would have been available in succeeding taxable years to the transferor corporation if the transfer of assets to the acquiring corporation had not occurred.

(2) *Section* 381(c)(11) also permits or requires the acquiring corporation to be treated as though it were the distributor or transferor corporation for the purpose of satisfying any conditions which would have been required of the distributor or transferor corporation in the absence of the distribution or transfer, so that it may be determined whether the distributor or transferor corporation, or the acquiring corporation, is entitled to take a deduction under section 404 in respect of a trust or plan established by the distributor or transferor corporation. Thus, for example, in a case when the taxable year of the transferor corporation ends on the date of transfer pursuant to section 381(b)(1), that corporation is entitled, pursuant to the provisions of section 404(a)(6) and paragraph (c) of § 1.404(a)-1, to a deduction in such taxable year for a payment to a qualified trust of that corporation made by the acquiring corporation after the close of such taxable year but within the time specified in section 404(a)(6). In further illustration, if the transferor corporation were to establish a qualified plan, and if the plan were maintained as a qualified plan by the acquiring corporation, then any contributions paid under the plan by the acquiring corporation (other than those which are deductible by the transferor corporation by

reason of section 404(a)(6)) would be deductible under section 404 by the acquiring corporation even though the plan were exclusively for the benefit of former employees of the transferor corporation. Also, for example, if the transferor corporation were to adopt an annuity plan during its taxable year ending on the date of transfer, the acquiring corporation would be entitled, subject to the provisions of section 401(b) and § 1.401-5, to amend the plan so as to make it retroactively satisfy the requirements of section 401(a) (3), (4), (5), and (6) for the period beginning with the date on which the plan was put into effect.

(c) *Taxable year of deduction.* The first taxable year of the acquiring corporation in which any amount shall be allowed as a deduction to that corporation by reason of section 381(c)(11) and this section shall be its first taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer.

(d) *Requirements for deductions.* (1) In order for any amount paid by the acquiring corporation (other than amounts deductible under section 404(a)(5)) to be deductible by the acquiring corporation by reason of this section in respect of a trust or nontrusteed annuity plan which is established by a distributor or transferor corporation and maintained by the acquiring corporation, the contributions must be paid (or deemed to have been paid under section 404(a)(6)) by the acquiring corporation in a taxable year of that corporation which ends with or within a year of the trust for which it is exempt under section 501(a), or, in the case of a nontrusteed annuity plan, for which it meets the requirements of section 404(a)(2). See, however, section 404(a)(4) and § 1.404(a)-11 for rules relating to deductions for contributions to foreign-situs trusts. The trust or plan which is established by the distributor or transferor corporation and maintained by the acquiring corporation may separately satisfy the requirements of section 401(a) or section 404(a)(2) or may, together with other trusts or plans of the acquiring corporation, constitute a single plan which qualifies under section 401(a) or meets the requirements of section 404(a)(2).

(2) Excess contributions paid under a qualified trust or plan established by the transferor or distributor corporation may be carried over and, subject to the applicable limitations, deducted by the acquiring corporation in a taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer regardless of whether the trust is exempt, or the plan meets the requirements of section 404(a)(2), during such taxable year. There are, however, special rules for computing the limitations on the amount of excess contributions which are deductible in a taxable year ending after the trust or plan has terminated (see § 1.404(a)-7, paragraph (e) of § 1.404(a)-9, and paragraph (a) of § 1.404(a)-13). For this purpose, the pension, annuity, stock bonus, or profit-sharing plan of the distributor or transferor corporation under which the excess contributions were made shall be considered continued (and not terminated) by the acquiring corporation if, after the date of distribution or transfer, the acquiring corporation continues the plan as a separate and distinct plan of its own which continues to qualify under section 401(a), or to meet the requirements of section 404(a)(2), or consolidates or replaces that plan with a comparable plan. See subparagraph (4) of this paragraph for rules relating to what constitutes a "comparable" plan.

(3) In order for any amount paid by the acquiring corporation to be deductible by the acquiring corporation as an unused deduction carried over from a qualified profit-sharing or stock bonus trust established by a distributor or transferor corporation, the acquiring corporation must continue such trust established by the distributor or transferor corporation as a separate and distinct trust of its own which continues to qualify under section 401(a), or must consolidate or replace that trust with a comparable trust. In addition, the amount paid by the acquiring corporation will be deductible as an unused deduction carried over from the transferor or distributor corporation only if it is paid into the profit-sharing or stock bonus trust established by the transferor or distributor corporation, or the comparable trust, in a taxable year of the ac-

quiring corporation which ends with or within a year of such trust (or such comparable trust) for which it meets the requirements of section 401(a) and is exempt under section 501(a). See subparagraph (4) of this paragraph for rules relating to what constitutes a "comparable" trust.

(4) For purposes of subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph, a plan under which deductions are determined pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of section 404(a) shall be considered comparable to another plan under which deductions are determined pursuant to either of those paragraphs, and a plan under which deductions are determined pursuant to paragraph (3) of section 404(a) shall be considered comparable to another plan under which deductions are determined pursuant to such paragraph (3). Thus, a profit-sharing plan (which qualifies under section 401(a)) established by the transferor or distributor corporation shall, for purposes of subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph, be considered terminated if, after the date of distribution or transfer, the acquiring corporation transfers the funds accumulated under the profit-sharing plan into a pension plan covering the same employees. In such a case, excess contributions paid under the profit-sharing plan by the distributor or transferor corporation may be carried over and deducted by the acquiring corporation in a taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer subject to the limitations in section 404(a)(3)(A) computed in accordance with the rules in paragraph (e)(2) of § 1.404(a)-9 for computing limitations when a profit-sharing plan has terminated. On the other hand, unused deductions attributable to the profit sharing plan may not be carried over and used by the acquiring corporation as a basis for deducting amounts contributed by it to the pension plan.

(e) *Effect of consolidation or replacement of plan on prior contributions.* If a pension, annuity, stock bonus, or profit-sharing plan which was established by a distributor or transferor corporation is terminated after the date of distribution or transfer because of consolidation or replacement with a comparable plan of the acquiring corporation, then the contributions paid to or under its plan by the distributor or transferor corporation on or before the date of distribution or transfer shall not be disallowed under section 404 merely because of the termination of the plan which was established by that corporation, provided that the termination does not cause the plan to fail to qualify under section 401(a).

(f) *Amounts deductible under section 404.* Section 381(c)(11) and this section apply only to amounts which are otherwise deductible under section 404 and the regulations thereunder. See §§ 1.404(a)-1 through 1.404(d)-1. Thus, to be deductible by reason of this section, contributions paid by the acquiring corporation must be expenses which otherwise satisfy the conditions of section 162 (relating to trade or business expenses). No deduction shall be allowed by reason of section 381(c)(11) and this section for a contribution which is allowable under section 162 but is not allowable under section 404. Thus, the acquiring corporation shall not be allowed a deduction by reason of this section in respect of a plan established by a distributor or transferor corporation if the contribution would not otherwise be deductible under section 404 by reason of section 404(c) and § 1.404(c)-1. On the other hand, any unused deductions or excess contributions of a distributor or transferor corporation which are carried over from 1939 Code years shall be deductible by the acquiring corporation if the requirements of this section, section 404(d), and § 1.404(d)-1 are satisfied.

(g) *Cost of past service credits.* In computing the cost of past service credits under a plan with respect to employees of the distributor or transferor corporation, the acquiring corporation may include the cost of credits for periods during which the employees were in the service of the distributor or transferor corporation.

(h) *Separate carryovers required.* The excess contributions which are available to a distributor or transferor corporation under the provisions of section 404(a)(1)(D) and section 404(a)(3)(A) at the close of the date of distribution or transfer and are carried over to the acquiring corporation under this section shall be kept separate and distinct from each other and from any excess contributions which are available to the distributor or transferor corporation at that time under the provisions of section 404(a)(7) and are carried over to the acquiring corporation under this section. If there are excess contributions carried over to the acquiring corporation from more than one transferor or distributor corporation, the excess contributions of each transferor or distributor corporation shall be kept separate and distinct from those of the other transferor or distributor corporations and, with respect to each such transferor or distributor corporation, shall be kept separate and distinct as provided in the preceding sentence. See, however, paragraph (i) of this section for rules for applying the provisions of section 404(a)(3)(A) when the acquiring corporation maintains two or more profit-sharing or stock bonus trusts, one or more of which was established by a distributor or transferor corporation. The requirements in this paragraph shall apply with respect to any excess contributions which are carried over to the acquiring corporation from a distributor or transferor corporation under the provisions of section 404(d) and this section.

(i) *Limitations applicable to profit-sharing or stock bonus trusts.* When contributions are paid by the acquiring corporation after the date of distribution or transfer to two or more profit-sharing or stock bonus trusts, and one or more of such trusts was established by a distributor or transferor corporation, such trusts shall be considered as a single trust in applying the provisions of section 404(a)(3)(A) under this section. Accordingly, in determining its secondary limitation, and its excess contributions carryover, under section 404(a)(3)(A) and § 1.404(a)-9 in any taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer, the acquiring corporation shall take into accounts its primary limitations, and the deductions allowed or allowable to it, for all prior years under the limitations provided in those sections, and also the primary limitations of, and deductions allowed or allowable to, the distributor or transferor corporation or corporations for all prior years under the limitations provided in those sections.

(j) *Successive carryovers.* The provisions of section 381(c)(11) and this section shall apply to an acquiring corporation which, in a distribution or transfer to which section 381(a) applies acquires the assets of a distributor or transferor corporation which has previously acquired the assets of another corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, even though, in computing an unused deductions or excess contributions carryover to the second acquiring corporation, it is necessary to take into account contributions paid by, and limitations applicable to, the first distributor or transferor corporation.

(k) *Information to be furnished by acquiring corporation.* The acquiring corporation shall furnish such information with respect to a plan established by a distributor or transferor corporation as will, consistently with the principles of section 404, establish that the provisions of such section and this section apply. For purposes of this section, the district director may require any other information that he considers necessary to determine deductions allowable under section 404 and this section or qualification under section 401. Any unused deductions or excess contributions carried over from a distributor or transferor corporation pursuant to this section shall be properly identified with the corporation which would have been permitted to use those deductions or contributions in the absence of the transaction causing section 381 to apply.

(l) *Illustration.* The application of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. In 1955, X Corporation, which makes its return on the basis of the calendar year, paid $400,000 to completely fund past service credits under a qualified pension plan and deducted 10 percent ($40,000) of that cost in each of the taxable years 1955, 1956, and 1957. The pension plan established by X Corporation had an anniversary date of January 1. On December 31, 1957, on which date the undeducted part of the cost amounted to $280,000, X Corporation transferred all its assets to Y Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. Y Corporation, which also makes its return on the basis of the calendar year, had a qualified pension plan and trust which also had an anniversary date of January 1. Since Y Corporation had many more employees than X Corporation on the date of transfer, it covered the former employees of X Corporation under its own plan. Y Corporation is entitled to deductions under section 404(a)(1)(D) and this section in 1958 and succeeding taxable years, in order of time, with respect to the undeducted balance of $280,000, to the extent of the difference between the amount paid and deductible by that corporation in each such taxable year and the maximum amount deductible by that corporation for such taxable year in accordance with the applicable limitations of section 404(a)(1). In computing the maximum amount deductible by Y Corporation for 1958 and 1959 under section 404(a)(1)(C), that corporation may include $40,000 for each year, the amount that X Corporation could have included for each of those years in computing the maximum amount that would have been deductible by X Corporation under section 404(a)(1)(C) if the merger had not occurred. Thus, assuming that Y Corporation's appropriate limitation so computed under section 404(a)(1)(C) is $1,000,000 (including the $40,000 carried over from X Corporation under this section) for each of those taxable years, and that Y Corporation contributed $925,000 to its trust in 1958 and $975,000 in 1959, then Y Corporation is entitled under section 404(a)(1)(D) and this section to deduct in 1958 $75,000, and in 1959 $25,000, of the amount ($280,000) carried over from X Corporation. The undeducted balance of such amount ($180,000) available to Y Corporation on December 31, 1959, would be deductible by that corporation in succeeding taxable years in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(D) and this section.

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§ 1.381(c)(12)-1 Recovery of bad debts, prior taxes, or delinquency amounts.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* (1) If, as a result of a distribution or transfer to which section 381(a) applies, the acquiring corporation is entitled to the recovery of a bad debt, prior tax, or delinquency amount on account of which a deduction or credit was allowed to a distributor or transferor corporation for a prior taxable year, and such debt, tax, or amount is recovered by the acquiring corporation after the date of distribution or transfer, then under the provisions of section 381(c)(12) the acquiring corporation is required to include in its gross income for the taxable year of recovery the same amount of income attributable to the recovery as the distributor or transferor corporation would have been required to include under section 111 and the regulations thereunder had the distribution or transfer not occurred.

(2) The rule prescribed by paragraph (a)(1) of this section and by section 381(c)(12) with respect to bad debts, prior taxes, and delinquency amounts applies equally with respect to the recovery by the acquiring corporation of all other losses, expenditures, and accruals made the basis of deductions from the gross income of a distributor or transferor corporation for prior taxable years, including war losses referred to in section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, but not including deductions with respect to depreciation, depletion, amortization, or amortizable bond premiums. An item which is not a "section 111 item" for purposes of the regulations under section 111 is not subject to the provisions of section 381(c)(12). The provisions of section 111(c) shall be applied with respect to a recovery by the acquiring corporation in the same manner as they would have been applied by the distributor or transferor corporation.

(b) *Amount of recovery exclusion allowable for year of recovery.* For the year of any recovery by the acquiring corporation, the amount of the recovery exclusion for the original taxable year shall be determined in accordance with paragraph (b) of § 1.111-1. For the purpose of this paragraph and section 381(c)(12), the recovery exclusion for any year with respect to section 111 items of the acquiring corporation shall be kept separate from the recovery exclusion for any year with respect to section 111 items of each distributor or transferor corporation. The recovery by the acquiring corporation of any section 111 item of such corporation after the date of the distribution or transfer shall be considered separately from recoveries by the acquiring corporation of any such item which was deducted or credited by a distributor or transferor corporation. Any recovery by the acquiring corporation of a section 111 item shall be excluded from the gross income of the acquiring corporation to the extent of the recovery exclusion (1) determined for the original year for which that item was deducted or credited by the specific corporation which claimed the deduction or credit and (2) reduced by the excludable recoveries (whether made by the acquiring corporation, or by the distributor or transferor corporation) in intervening years with respect to the recovery exclusion of such corporation for such original year. There shall be taken into account the effect of net operating loss carryovers and carrybacks or capital loss carryovers.

(c) *Illustration of carryover of recovery exclusion*—(1) *Facts.* (i) The application of section 381(c)(12) may be illustrated by the following example. M and N Corporations are both organized on January 1, 1957, and both corporations compute their taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. On December 31, 1959, M Corporation transfers all its assets to N Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies.

(ii) The section 111 items of the two corporations for the following taxable years are as follows, identification of such items being made by an appropriate letter:

Taxable year of deduction or credit	M Corporation (transferor)	N Corporation (acquirer)
1957	$500(g)	$200(h)
1958	300(i)	400(j)
1959	600(k)	100(m)

(iii) The recovery exclusions in respect of such taxable years, computed in accordance with § 1.111-1(b)(2), are assumed to be as follows:

Taxable year	M Corporation (transferor)	N Corporation (acquirer)
1957	$400	$150
1958	200	300
1959	500	75

(iv) The recoveries of the abovementioned section 111 items by the two corporations are as follows:

Taxable year of recovery	M Corporation (transferor)	N Corporation (acquirer)
1958	$25 (g)	$50 (h)
1959	50 (g) 30 (i)	20 (h) 15 (j)
1960		350 (g) 225 (i) 550 (k) 100 (h) 350 (j) 85 (m)

(2) *M Corporation's 1958 recovery.*

Total recovery of section 111 items for 1957	$25
Less: Recovery exclusion for 1957	400
Amount included in gross income of M Corporation for 1958	0

(3) *M Corporation's 1959 recoveries.*

(i) Total recovery of section 111 items for 1957		$50
Less: Recovery exclusion for 1957	$400	
Minus excludable recovery	25	
		375
Amount included in gross income of M Corporation for 1959		0
(ii) Total recovery of section 111 items for 1958		30
Less: Recovery exclusion for 1958		200
Amount included in gross income of M Corporation for 1959		0

(4) *N Corporation's 1958 recovery.*

Total recovery of section 111 items for 1957	$50
Less: Recovery exclusion for 1957	150
Amount included in gross income of N Corporation for 1958	0

(5) *N Corporation's 1959 recoveries.*

(i) Total recovery of section 111 items for 1957		$20
Less: Recovery exclusion for 1957	$150	
Minus excludable recovery in 1958	50	
		100
Amount included in gross income of N Corporation for 1959		0
(ii) Total recovery of section 111 items for 1958		15
Less: Recovery exclusion for 1958		300

Amount included in gross income of N Corporation for 1959	0

(6) *N Corporation's 1960 recoveries.*

(i) Total recovery of section 111 items of M Corporation for 1957			$350
Less: Recovery exclusion of M Corporation for 1957		$400	
Minus:			
Excludable recovery in 1959	$50		
Excludable recovery in 1958	25		
		75	
			325
Amount included in gross income of N Corporation for 1960			25
(ii) Total recovery of section 111 items of M Corporation for 1958			225
Less: Recovery exclusion of M Corporation for 1958		$200	
Minus excludable recovery in 1959		30	
			170
Amount included in gross income of N Corporation for 1960			55
(iii) Total recovery of section 111 items of M Corporation for 1959			550
Less: Recovery exclusion of M Corporation for 1959			500
Amount included in gross income of N Corporation for 1960			50
(iv) Total recovery of section 111 items of N Corporation for 1957			100
Less: Recovery exclusion of N Corporation for 1957		$150	
Minus:			
Excludable recovery in 1959	$20		
Excludable recovery in 1958	50		
		70	
			80
Amount included in gross income of N Corporation for 1960			20
(v) Total recovery of section 111 items of N Corporation for 1958			$350
Less: Recovery exclusion of N Corporation for 1958		$300	
Minus excludable recovery in 1959		15	
			285
Amount included in gross income of N Corporation for 1960			65
(vi) Total recovery of section 111 items of N Corporation for 1959			85
Less: Recovery exclusion of N Corporation for 1959			75
Amount included in gross income of N Corporation for 1960			10

(7) *Summary of recoveries included in gross income of N Corporation for 1960.*

(i) Recovery of M Corporation items for:		
1957	$25	
1958	55	
1959	50	
		$130
(ii) Recovery of N corporation items for:		
1957	20	
1958	65	
1959	10	
		95
Total amount included in gross income		225

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§ 1.381(c)(13)-1 Involuntary conversions.

(a) *Carryover requirement*—(1) *General rule.* Section 381(c)(13) requires that after the date of distribution or transfer the acquiring corporation, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation for purposes of applying section 1033, relating to involuntary conversions. This rule shall apply even though the property similar or related in service or use to the property converted, or the stock of a corporation owning such similar property, is purchased by the acquiring corporation after the date of distribution or transfer and is not received from the distributor or transferor corporation in the transaction to which section 381(a) applies. Accordingly, if any factor essential to the application of section 1033 occurs on or before the date of distribution or transfer and any other such factor also occurs after that date, then, in accordance with section 381(c)(13) and this section, the provisions of section 1033 shall apply to the acquiring corporation in the same manner that they would have applied to the distributor or transferor corporation in the absence of the distribution or transfer. For purposes of this section, the terms "involuntary conversion" and "disposition of the converted property" shall have the meaning ascribed to them by the regulations under section 1033.

(2) *Application to other transactions.* The provisions of this section shall apply to any transaction which, under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, is treated as though it were an involuntary conversion within the meaning of section 1033. See, for example, section 1071, relating to gain from a sale or exchange to effectuate the policies of the Federal Communications Commission; and sections 1332(b)(3) and 1333(3), relating to war loss recoveries.

(b) *Conversion into similar property.* Section 1033(a)(1) provides that no gain shall be recognized if property is involuntarily converted only into property which is similar or related in service or use to the property so converted. If there is a disposition of property of a distributor or transferor corporation and, subsequent to the date of distribution or transfer, property similar or related in service or use to the property disposed of is received by the acquiring corporation as compensation for the property so disposed of, then no gain shall be recognized to the acquiring corporation, provided that no gain would have been recognized under section 1033(a)(1) if the similar property had been received directly by the distributor or transferor corporation.

Example. Property of S Corporation with an adjusted basis of $100 is condemned by the local government. Shortly after the property is so condemned, S Corporation liquidates and distributes its assets to P Corporation in a distribution to which section 381(a) applies. Subsequent to the date of distribution, P Corporation receives from the government (in settlement of the condemnation proceedings) property with a market value of $500 which is similar or related in service or use to the property so condemned. No gain is recognized to either corporation upon P Corporation's receipt of the similar property, and the property so received has a basis of $100 in the hands of P Corporation on the date of its acquisition.

(c) *Conversion into money or dissimilar property when disposition occurs after December 31, 1950*—(1) *General rule.* Section 1033(a)(3) and § 1.1033(a)-2 provide rules for involuntary conversions of property into money or dissimilar property where the disposition of the converted property occurs after December 31, 1950. In such a case, the gain on the conversion, if any, shall be recognized, at the election of the taxpayer, only to the extent that the amount realized on the conversion exceeds the cost of other property purchased by the taxpayer which is similar or related in service or use to the property so converted, or exceeds the cost of stock purchased by the taxpayer in the acquisition of control of a corporation owning such other property, provided (i) the taxpayer purchases such other property or stock for the purpose of replacing the property so converted and (ii) the purchase occurs during the period of time specified in section 1033(a)(3)(B). The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to involuntary conversions where the disposition of the property occurs after December 31, 1950, and where the election to have section 1033(a)(3) apply to the treatment of the gain upon the conversion is contingent upon activities of both the distributor or transferor corporation and the acquiring corporation. For purposes of section 381(c)(13), the period of time specified in section 1033(a)(3)(B) shall be determined by taking into account taxable years of, and extensions of time granted to, both the distributor or transferor corporation and the acquiring corporation.

(2) *Replacement period.* The period during which the purchase of similar property or stock must be made in order to prevent the recognition of gain on the involuntary conversion terminates 2 years (or, in the case of a disposition occurring before Dec. 31, 1969, 1 year) after the close of the first taxable year in which any part of the gain upon the conversion is realized, or at the close of such later date as may be designated pursuant to an application of the taxpayer. See paragraph (c)(3) of § 1.1033(a)-2. Therefore, if, in a case to which this subparagraph applies, the first taxable year in which gain is realized is the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ending with the close of the date of distribution or transfer, the acquiring corporation will have a maximum of only 2 years (or, in the case of a disposition occurring before Dec. 31, 1969, 1 year) after that date in which to purchase the similar property or stock, unless an extension of time has been granted upon application by the distributor, transferor, or acquiring corporation within the time prescribed. See paragraph (a) of § 1.381(b)-1 as to the termination of the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation. See paragraph (c)(3) of § 1.1033(a)-2 as to applications to extend the period within which to replace the converted property. In addition to the information otherwise required under paragraph (c)(3) of § 1.1033(a)-2, the application shall contain sufficient detail in connection

with the distribution or transfer to establish that section 381(c)(13) applies to the involuntary conversion involved.

(3) *Examples.* The application of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). A and B Corporations compute their taxable income on the basis of the calendar year, and both corporations use the cash method of accounting. During 1970 property of A Corporation is destroyed by fire, and in January 1971, A Corporation receives $15,000 from an insurance company as compensation for its loss of property. The adjusted basis of the property on the date of destruction is $10,000; as a consequence, A Corporation realizes a gain of $5,000 on the involuntary conversion. On June 30, 1971, B Corporation acquires all of the assets of A Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. In accordance with paragraph (c)(2) of § 1.1033(a)-2, A Corporation reports in its return for the short taxable year ending June 30, 1971, all the details in connection with the involuntary conversion but does not include the realized gain in gross income, thereby electing to have the gain recognized only to the extent provided in section 1033(a)(3). On June 15, 1973, B Corporation purchases for $20,000 property which is similar or related in service or use to the property previously destroyed. In its return for 1973, B Corporation reports all of the details in connection with its replacement of the property, as required by paragraph (c)(2) of § 1.1033(a)-2. As a result of this replacement by B Corporation, none of the gain realized by A Corporation is recognized. The replacement property which is purchased by B Corporation has a basis to that corporation of $15,000 on the date of its purchase, that is, the cost of such property ($20,000) decreased by the amount of gain not recognized to A Corporation on the involuntary conversion ($5,000).

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that B Corporation does not purchase similar property on or before June 30, 1973, and does not apply on or before that date (in accordance with paragraph (c)(3) of § 1.1033(a)-2) for an extension of time in which to make a replacement. In such event, the gain realized by A Corporation is recognized to that corporation for its taxable year ending June 30, 1971. A Corporation's tax liability for such taxable year must be recomputed in accordance with paragraph (c)(2) of § 1.1033(a)-2 in order to reflect this additional income.

Example (3). Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that the property of A Corporation is destroyed in 1968, A Corporation receives the $15,000 from an insurance company in January 1969, B Corporation acquires all of the assets of A Corporation on June 30, 1969, and A Corporation's return is filed for the short taxable year ending June 30, 1969. B Corporation would have to purchase property which is similar or related in service or use to the property previously destroyed by June 30, 1970, in order to take advantage of the provisions of section 1033.

Example (4). M and N Corporations compute their taxable income on the basis of the calendar year, and both corporations use the cash method of accounting. During 1970, property of M Corporation is destroyed by fire. The adjusted basis of the property on the date of destruction is $10,000. The property is insured against loss by fire, but the insurance claim is not satisfied on or before June 30, 1971, the date on which N Corporation acquires all of the assets (including the insurance claim) of M Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. On September 1, 1972, N Corporation receives $15,000 from the insurance company as compensation for the fire loss suffered by M Corporation. Upon receipt of the insurance proceeds, N Corporation realizes a gain of $5,000 upon the involuntary conversion; however, in its return for 1972, N Corporation elects under the provisions of paragraph (c)(2) of § 1.1033(a)-2 to have the gain recognized only to the extent provided by section 1033(a)(3). On December 30, 1974, N Corporation purchases for $20,000 property which is similar or related in service or use to the property previously destroyed in the hands of M Corporation. As a result of this replacement by N Corporation, none of the gain realized by N Corporation in 1972 is recognized. The replacement property which is purchased by N Corporation has a basis to that corporation of $15,000 on the date of its purchase, that is, the cost of such property ($20,000) decreased by the amount of gain not recognized to N Corporation on the involuntary conversion ($5,000).

Example (5). R and S Corporations compute their taxable income on the basis of the calendar year, and both corporations use the cash method of accounting. During 1970 property of R Corporation is destroyed by fire. The adjusted basis of the property on the date of destruction is $10,000. In anticipation of taking the benefit of section 1033(a)(3), R Corporation purchases for $20,000 on June 1, 1971, property which is similar or related in service or use to the destroyed property. In its return for 1971, R Corporation reports all of the details in connection with the replacement of the property, as required by paragraph (c)(2) of § 1.1033(a)-2. The property destroyed in 1970 is insured against loss by fire, but the insurance claim is not satisfied on or before March 1, 1972, the date on which S Corporation acquires all of the assets (including the insurance claim) of R Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. On October 1, 1972, S Corporation receives $12,000 from the insurance company as compensation for the fire loss suffered by R Corporation. Upon receipt of the insurance proceeds, S Corporation realizes a gain of $2,000 upon the involuntary conversion; however, in its return for 1972, S Corporation elects under the provisions of paragraph (c)(2) of § 1.1033(a)-2 to have the gain recognized only to the extent provided by section 1033(a)(3). As a result of the replacement by R Corporation, none of the gain realized by S Corporation in 1972 is recognized. Assuming there are no adjustments for depreciation, the replacement property has a basis on October 1, 1972, of $18,000, that is, the cost of such property ($20,000) decreased by the amount of gain not recognized to S Corporation on the involuntary conversion ($2,000)

(d) *Conversion into money when disposition occurs before January 1, 1951.* Section 1033(a)(2) provides that, if property is disposed of in an involuntary conversion before January 1, 1951, and money is received as compensation for the conversion, no gain shall be recognized if such money is forthwith expended in the acquisition of other property similar or related in service or use to the property so converted, or in the acquisition of control of a corporation owning such other property, or in the establishment of a replacement fund. That section also provides that, if any part of the money is not so expended, the gain, if any, shall be recognized to the extent of the money which is not so expended. For example, if, pursuant to section 381(c)(13) and section 1033(a)(2), property of a distributor or transferor corporation is disposed of before January 1, 1951, in an involuntary conversion, and the proceeds from the conversion are received by the acquiring corporation so that the gain on the conversion is realized by that corporation, the acquiring corporation may avoid recognition of the gain if it complies with the provisions of section 1033(a)(2) for nonrecognition of gain. Thus, the acquiring corporation must forthwith expend the proceeds in the acquisition of similar property or stock, or in the establishment of a replacement fund, in order to avoid recognition of the gain, if the disposition occurred before January 1, 1951. See the provisions of §§ 1.1033(a)-3 and 1.1033(a)-4 relating to involuntary conversions and replacement funds when disposition of the converted property occurred before January 1, 1951.

(e) *Successive acquiring corporations.* An acquiring corporation which, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, acquires the assets of a corporation which previously acquired the assets of another corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, shall be treated as such other corporation for purposes of applying sections 381(c)(13) and 1033 (relating to involuntary conversions). Thus, for example, if any factor essential to the application of section 1033 occurs on or before the date of distribution or transfer in one transaction to which section 381(a) applies, and any other such factor occurs after the date of distribution or transfer in a subsequent transaction to which section 381(a) applies, then the acquiring corporation in such subsequent transaction shall be treated as the first distributor or transferor corporation subject to the rules and limitations of this section for purposes of sections 381(c)(13) and 1033.

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§ 1.381(c)(14)-1 Dividend carryover to personal holding company.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* Section 381(c)(14) provides that an acquiring corporation shall succeed to and take into account the dividend carryover (described in section 564) of a distributor or transferor corporation in computing its dividends paid deduction under section 561 for taxable years ending after the date of distribution or transfer for which the acquiring corporation is a personal holding company under section 542. To determine the amount of such dividend carryover and to integrate it with the dividend carryover of the acquiring corporation in computing the dividends paid deduction for taxable years ending after the date of distribution or transfer, it is necessary to apply the provisions of section 564 and § 1.564-1 in accordance with this section.

(b) *Manner of computing dividend carryover*—(1) *Preceding taxable years.* If the acquiring corporation is a personal holding company under section 542 for its first taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer, the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ending with such date is a first preceding taxable year for purposes of section 564, and the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation immediately preceding such first preceding year is a second preceding taxable year for purposes of section 564. If the acquiring corporation is a personal holding company for its second taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer, the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ending with such date is a second preceding taxable year for purposes of section 564.

(2) *Determination of dividends paid deduction and taxable income.* The dividends paid deduction of any distributor or transferor corporation (determined under section 561 but without regard to any dividend carryover) and the taxable income of any such corporation (adjusted as provided in section 545(b)) for any taxable year ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer shall be determined without reference to any dividends paid deduction, or taxable income, of the acquiring corporation or any other distributor or transferor corporation; in like manner, the dividends paid deduction and the taxable income of the acquiring corporation for any such taxable year shall be determined without reference to any dividends paid deduction, or taxable income, of a distributor or transferor corporation.

(3) *Computation of dividend carryover.* (i) For the purpose of determining the dividend carryover to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of distribution or transfer, the amount of the dividend carryover from the distributor or transferor corporation shall be determined under section 564 without reference to the dividends paid deduction or taxable income of the acquiring corporation or any other corporation. If two or more transactions to which section 381(a) applies have the same date of distribution or transfer, or if a particular taxable year of the acquiring corporation is the first taxable year ending after the dates of distribution or transfer of two or more such transactions occurring on different dates, the amount of the dividend carryover from each distributor or transferor corporation shall be determined separately as provided in the preceding sentence. Except as provided in subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph, the aggregate of the dividend carryovers from each distributor or transferor corporation and the dividend carryover of the acquiring corporation (computed without regard to this section) shall constitute the dividend carryover under section 561(a)(3) of the acquiring corporation for its first taxable year ending after the date (or dates) of distribution or transfer.

(ii) For the purpose of determining the dividend carryover to the second taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date (or dates) of distribution or transfer, the excess, if any, of the dividends paid deduction (determined under section 561 without regard to any dividend carryover) over the taxable income (adjusted as provided in section 545(b)) for the taxable year of each distributor or transferor corporation and the acquiring corporation referred to as a second preceding taxable year shall be determined separately without reference to the dividends paid deduction or taxable income of any other of such corporations. The excesses thus determined shall be aggregated, and such aggregate shall be—

(*a*) Increased by the excess of the dividends paid deduction (determined without regard to any dividend carryover) over the taxable income (adjusted as provided in section 545(b)), or

(*b*) Reduced by the excess of the taxable income (adjusted as provided in section 545(b)) over the dividends paid deduction (determined without regard to any dividend carryover),

for the first preceding taxable year of the acquiring corporation. Except as provided in subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph, the amount thus determined shall constitute the dividend carryover under section 561(a)(3) of the acquiring corporation for its second taxable year ending after the date (or dates) of distribution or transfer.

(iii) If a particular taxable year of the acquiring corporation is its first taxable year ending after the date (or dates) of distribution or transfer of one or more transactions to which section 381(a) applies, and if the same taxable year of the acquiring corporation is also its second taxable year ending after the date (or dates) of distribution or transfer of one or more other transactions to which section 381(a) applies, then, for the purpose of determining the dividend carryover to such taxable year of the acquiring corporation, the rules contained in both subdivisions (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph shall be applied. Insofar as such taxable year constitutes the first taxable year ending after the date (or dates) of distribution or transfer of any transaction, the amount of the dividend carryover from any distributor or transferor corporation involved in such transaction shall be determined separately as provided in subdivision (i) of this subparagraph. Insofar as such taxable year constitutes the second taxable year ending after the date (or dates) of distribution or transfer of any transaction, the amount of the dividend carryover from any distributor or transferor corporation involved in the transaction and the acquiring corporation shall be determined as provided in subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph. The aggregate of the dividend carryovers thus determined shall constitute the dividend carryover under section 561(a)(3) of the acquiring corporation for such taxable year. See example (4) in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Illustrations.* The rules set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). (i) *Facts.* N Corporation acquired on June 30, 1960, all the assets of M Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. Both corporations compute taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. N Corporation is a personal holding company for its taxable years ending December 31, 1960, and December 31, 1961.

(ii) *Dividend carryover to N Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1960.* With respect to N Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1960, the taxable years referred to as first preceding taxable years and second preceding taxable years are—

(*a*) M Corporation's taxable years ending June 30, 1960, and December 31, 1959, respectively; and

(*b*) N Corporation's taxable years ending December 31, 1959, and December 31, 1958, respectively.

The dividend carryover to N Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1960, is $22,000 computed as follows, assuming the dividends paid deduction before dividend carryovers, and the taxable income after section 545(b) adjustments, to be as stated in the computation:

	M Corporation		*N Corporation*	
Second preceding taxable year:				
Dividends paid deduction	$25,000		$12,000	
Taxable income	15,000		13,000	
Excess dividends paid deduction		$10,000		
First preceding taxable year:				
Dividends paid deduction	23,000		20,000	
Taxable income	21,000		10,000	
Excess dividends paid deduction		2,000		$10,000
Separate dividend carryovers		12,000		10,000

The aggregate dividend carryover of $22,000 is the sum of $12,000 (the separate dividend carryover from M Corporation) and $10,000 (the separate dividend carryover from N Corporation's own preceding taxable years).

(iii) *Dividend carryover to N Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1961.* With respect to N Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1961, the first preceding taxable year is N Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1960; and the taxable years referred to as second preceding taxable years are M Corporation's taxable year ending June 30, 1960, and N Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1959. The dividend carryover to N Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1961, is $17,000 computed as follows, assuming the dividends paid deduction before dividend carryovers, and the taxable income after section 545(b) adjustments, to be as stated in the computation:

Second preceding taxable year	M Corporation	N Corporation
Dividends paid deduction	$23,000	$20,000
Taxable income	21,000	10,000
Separate excess of dividends paid deduction over taxable income	2,000	10,000

The aggregate excess of dividends paid deduction over taxable income for the second preceding taxable year is $12,000, the sum of $2,000 (separate excess from N Corporation) and $10,000 (separate excess from N Corporation). Such aggregate excess is increased by the excess dividends paid deduction, or is reduced by the excess of taxable income, for the first preceding taxable year as follows:

Aggregate excess of dividends paid deduction for second preceding taxable year		$12,000
Dividends paid deduction of N Corporation for first preceding taxable year	$50,000	
Taxable income of N Corporation for first preceding taxable year	45,000	
		$5,000
Dividend carryover to N Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1961		17,000

Example (2). (i) *Facts.* X Corporation is organized on May 1, 1956, and computes its taxable income on the basis of the fiscal year ending April 30. Y Corporation and Z Corporation are both organized on January 1, 1955, and both compute their taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. On July 31, 1957, X Corporation and Y Corporation transfer all their assets to Z Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 381(a) applies. For its taxable years ending December 31, 1957, and December 31, 1958, Z Corporation is a personal holding company.

(ii) *Dividend carryover to Z Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1957.* With respect to Z Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1957, the taxable years referred to as first preceding taxable years and second preceding taxable years are—

(*a*) X Corporation's taxable years ending July 31, 1957, and April 30, 1957, respectively;

(*b*) Y Corporation's taxable years ending July 31, 1957, and December 31, 1956, respectively; and

(*c*) Z Corporation's taxable years ending December 31, 1956, and December 31, 1955, respectively.

The dividend carryover to Z Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1957, is $40,000 computed as follows, assuming the dividends paid deduction before dividend carryovers, and the taxable income after section 545(b) adjustments, to be as stated in the computation:

	X Corporation		*Y Corporation*		*Z Corporation*	
Second preceding taxable year:						
Dividends paid deduction	$56,000		$19,000		$6,000	
Taxable income	24,000		17,000		5,000	
Excess		$32,000		$2,000		$1,000
First preceding taxable year:						
Dividends paid deduction	9,000		4,000		10,000	
Taxable income	7,000		8,000		5,000	
Excess		2,000		(4,000)		5,000
Separate dividend carryovers		34,000		0		6,000

The aggregate dividend carryover of $40,000 is the sum of $34,000 (the separate dividend carryover from X Corporation) and $6,000 (the separate dividend carryover from Z Corporation's own preceding taxable years).

(iii) *Dividend carryover to Z Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1958.* With respect to Z Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1958, the first preceding taxable year is Z Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1957; and the taxable years referred to as second preceding taxable years are X Corporation's taxable year ending July 31, 1957, Y Corporation's taxable year ending July 31, 1957, and Z Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1956. The dividend carryover to Z Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1958, is $1,000 computed as follows, assuming the dividends paid deduction before dividend carryovers, and the taxable income after section 545(b) adjustments, to be as stated in the computation:

	X Corporation	*Y Corporation*	*Z Corporation*
Second preceding taxable year:			
Dividends paid deduction	$9,000	$4,000	$10,000
Taxable income	7,000	8,000	5,000
Separate excess of dividends paid deduction over taxable income	2,000	0	5,000

The aggregate excess of dividends paid deduction over taxable income for the second preceding taxable year is $7,000, the sum of $2,000 (separate excess from X Corporation) and $5,000 (separate excess from Z Corporation). Such aggregate excess is increased by the excess dividends paid deduction, or is reduced by the excess of taxable income, for the first preceding taxable year as follows:

Aggregate excess of dividends paid deduction for second preceding taxable year		$7,000
Dividends paid deduction of Z Corporation for first preceding taxable year	$102,000	
Taxable income of Z Corporation for first preceding taxable year	108,000	
		(6,000)
Dividend carryover to Z Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1958		1,000

Example (3). Assume the facts stated in example (2), except that Y Corporation transferred all its assets to Z Corporation on May 31, 1957. Assume also that the facts for Y Corporation's taxable year ending May 31, 1957, are otherwise the same as those stated for its taxable year in example (2) ending July 31, 1957. In such case, the dividend carryovers to Z Corporation's taxable years ending on December 31, 1957, and December 31, 1958, are the same as in example (2) notwithstanding the fact that the transfers from X Corporation and Y Corporation occurred on the different dates.

Example (4). (i) *Facts.* T Corporation acquired on June 30, 1960, all the assets of U Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 381(a) applies, and in a like transaction acquired on June 30, 1961, all the assets of V Corporation. Such corporations all compute taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. T Corporation is a personal holding company for its taxable years 1960 and 1961.

(ii) *Dividend carryover to T Corporation's taxable year 1960.* With respect to T Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1960, the taxable years referred to as first preceding taxable years and second preceding taxable years are—

(*a*) U Corporation's taxable years ending June 30, 1960, and December 31, 1959, respectively; and

(*b*) T Corporation's taxable years ending December 31, 1959, and December 31, 1958, respectively.

The dividend carryover to T Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1960, is $7,000 computed as follows, assuming the dividends paid deduction before dividend carryovers, and the taxable income after section 545(b) adjustments, to be as stated in the computation:

	U Corporation		*T Corporation*	
Second preceding taxable year:				
Dividends paid deduction	$16,000		$10,000	
Taxable income	12,000		13,000	
Excess		$4,000		0
First preceding taxable year:				
Dividends paid deduction	7,000		17,000	
Taxable income	5,000		16,000	
Excess		2,000		$1,000
Separate dividend carryovers		6,000		1,000

The aggregate dividend carryover of $7,000 is the sum of $6,000 (the separate dividend carryover from U Corporation) and $1,000 (the separate dividend carryover from T Corporation's own first preceding taxable year).

(iii) *Dividend carryover to T Corporation's taxable year 1961.* Inasmuch as T Corporation's taxable year 1961 is the second taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer from U Corporation, *paragraph (b)(3)(ii) of this section* governs the determination of the dividend carryover from taxable years of T Corporation and U Corporation. On the other hand, inasmuch as T Corporation's taxable year 1961 is the first taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer from V Corporation, paragraph (b)(3)(i) governs the determination of the dividend carryover from taxable years of V Corporation.

(*a*) *Application of paragraph (b)(3)(ii) of this section.* With respect to T Corporation's taxable year 1961, the first preceding taxable year is T Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1960; and the taxable years referred to as second preceding taxable year are T Corporation's taxable year ending December 31, 1959, and U Corporation's taxable year ending June 30, 1960. The dividend carryover from taxable years of T Corporation and U Corporation is $1,500 computed as follows, assuming the dividends paid deduction before dividend carryovers, and the taxable income after section 545(b) adjustments, to be as stated in the computation:

Second preceding taxable year	U Corporation	T Corporation
Dividends paid deduction	$7,000	$17,000
Taxable income	5,000	16,000
Separate excess of dividends paid deduction over taxable income	2,000	1,000

The aggregate excess of dividends paid deduction over taxable income for the second preceding taxable year is $3,000, the sum of $2,000 (separate excess from U Corporation) and $1,000 (separate excess from T Corporation). Such aggregate is increased by the excess dividends paid deduction, or is reduced by the excess of taxable income, for the first preceding taxable year as follows:

		T Corporation
Aggregate excess of dividends paid deduction for second preceding taxable year		$3,000
First preceding taxable year:		
Dividends paid deduction of T Corporation	$21,000	
Taxable income of T Corporation	22,500	
Excess taxable income		(1,500)
Separate dividend carryover (without regard to V Corporation)		1,500

(*b*) *Application of paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this section.* With respect to T Corporation's taxable year 1961, V Corporation's taxable year ending June 30, 1961, is a first preceding taxable year, and its taxable year ending December 31, 1960, is a second preceding taxable year. The separate dividend carryover from V Corporation is $8,000 computed as follows, assuming the dividends paid deduction before dividend carryovers, and the taxable income after section 545(b) adjustments, to be as stated in the computation:

Second preceding taxable year		V Corporation
Dividends paid deduction	$11,000	
Taxable income	6,000	
Excess		$5,000
First preceding taxable year:		
Dividends paid deduction	$9,000	
Taxable income	6,000	
Excess	3,000	
Separate dividend carryover from V Corporation		8,000

(*c*) *Dividend carryover.* The dividend carryover to T Corporation's taxable year 1961 is $9,500, the sum of $8,000 (the separate dividend carryover from V Corporation) and $1,500 (the aggregate dividend carryover from T Corporation and U Corporation).

(d) *Successive carryovers.* The provisions of this section shall apply for the purpose of determining a dividend carryover to an acquiring corporation which, in a distribution or transfer to which section 381(a) applies, acquires the assets of a distributor or transferor corporation which has previously acquired the assets of another corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies; even though, in computing the dividend carryover to such second acquiring corporation, it is necessary to take into account the deduction for dividends paid, and the adjusted taxable income, of the first distributor or transferor corporation.

(e) *Acquiring corporation not receiving all the assets.* The dividend carryover acquired from a distributor or transferor corporation by an acquiring corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies is not reduced by reason of the fact that the acquiring corporation does not acquire 100 percent of the assets of the distributor or transferor corporation.

(f) *Dividends paid after the close of taxable year.* A transaction to which section 381(a) applies does not prevent the application of section 563(b) to a dividend paid by a distributor or transferor corporation after the close of its taxable year ending with the date of distribution or transfer but on or before the 15th day of the third month following the close of such taxable year. However, dividends paid by the acquiring corporation may not be taken into account under section 563(b) for the purpose of determining the dividends paid deduction of the distributor or transferor corporation for its taxable year ending with the date of distribution or transfer.

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§ 1.381(c)(15)-1 Indebtedness of certain personal holding companies.

(a) *Qualified indebtedness*—(1) *Carryover requirement.* If, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, the acquiring corporation assumes liability for any indebtedness which was qualified indebtedness (as defined in section 545(c) and § 1.545-3) in the hands of the distributor or transferor corporation immediately before the assumption of such indebtedness, then, under section 381(c)(15), in computing its undistributed personal holding company income for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1963, and ending after the date of distribution or transfer, the acquiring corporation shall be considered the distributor or transferor corporation for purposes of computing the deduction under section 545(c) and § 1.545-3. Such deduction shall be allowed to the acquiring corporation in accordance with section 545(c) and § 1.545-3.

(2) *Successive transactions to which section 381(a) applies.* If in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, an acquiring corporation assumes liability for qualified indebtedness, such acquiring corporation shall be deemed to have incurred such qualified indebtedness for the purpose of applying section 381(c)(15) to any subsequent transaction in which such acquiring corporation is the distributor or transferor corporation.

(b) *Pre-1934 indebtedness*—(1) *Carryover requirement.* If, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, the acquiring corporation assumes liability for any indebtedness incurred, or assumed, before January 1, 1934, by a distributor or transferor corporation, then under section 381(c)(15) the acquiring corporation shall be allowed, in computing its undistributed personal holding company income for any taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer, a deduction under section 545(b)(7) for amounts used or irrevocably set aside to pay or to retire such indebtedness. Such deduction shall be allowed to the acquiring corporation in accordance with section 545(b)(7) and paragraph (g) of § 1.545-2 as though the indebtedness had been incurred, or assumed, by the acquiring corporation before January 1, 1934.

(2) *Successive transactions to which section 381(a) applies.* If, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, an acquiring corporation assumes liability for indebtedness described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, such acquiring corporation shall be deemed to have incurred the indebtedness before January 1, 1934, for the purpose of applying section 381(c)(15) to any subsequent transaction in which such acquiring corporation is the distributor or transferor corporation.

(c) *Special rule.* For purposes of this section, if, in a transaction otherwise described in this section, an acquiring corporation acquires real estate—(1) of which the distributor or transferor corporation is the legal or equitable owner immediately before the acquisition, and (2) which is subject to indebtedness that, with respect to the distributor or transferor corporation, is indebtedness described in this section immediately before the acquisition, then the acquiring corporation will be treated as having assumed such indebtedness, provided it shows to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that under all the facts and circumstances it bears the burden of discharging such indebtedness.

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§ 1.381(c)(16)-1 Obligations of distributor or transferor corporation.

(a) *Deduction allowed to acquiring corporation.* (1) If, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, the acquiring corporation assumes an obligation of a distributor or transferor corporation which gives rise to a liability after the date of distribution or transfer and if the distributor or transferor corporation would be entitled to deduct such liability in computing taxable income were it paid or accrued after that date by such corporation, then, under the provisions of section 381(c)(16) and this section, the acquiring corporation shall be entitled to deduct such liability as if it were the distributor or transferor corporation. However, in the case of a transaction to which section 381(a)(2) applies, section 381(c)(16) shall not apply to an obligation which is reflected in the amount of consideration, that is, the stock, securities, or other property, transferred by the acquiring corporation to a transferor corporation or its shareholders in exchange for the property of that transferor corporation. An obligation which is so reflected in the amount of consideration will be treated as an item or tax attribute not specified in section 381(c)(16). Such an obligation is subject to section 381(c)(4). See subparagraph (2) of this paragraph. Any deduction allowed under section 381(c)(16) to the acquiring corporation shall be taken by that corporation in the taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer in which the liability is paid or accrued by that corporation, as the case may be.

(2) In order to determine whether, in the case of obligations of a distributor or transferor corporation assumed by an acquiring corporation, section 381(c)(16) and this section, or section 381(c)(4) and the regulations thereunder, apply, the following rules shall govern:

(i) If the obligation gave rise to a liability before the date of distribution or transfer, see section 381(c)(4) and the regulations thereunder.

(ii) If the obligation gives rise to a liability after the date of distribution or transfer, and the obligation was not reflected in the amount of consideration transferred by the acquiring corporation to the distributor or transferor corporation or its shareholders in exchange for the property of the distributor or transferor corporation, then section 381(c)(16) and this section shall apply.

(iii) In the case of a transaction to which section 381(a)(1) applies, if the obligation gives rise to a liability after the date of a distribution, and the obligation was reflected in the amount of consideration transferred by the acquiring corporation to the distributor corporation or its shareholders in exchange for the property of the distributor corporation, then section 381(c)(16) and this section shall apply.

(iv) In the case of a transaction to which section 381(a)(2) applies, if the obligation gives rise to a liability after the date of a transfer, and the obligation was reflected in the amount of consideration transferred by the acquiring corporation to the transferor corporation or its shareholders in exchange for the property of the transferor corporation, then see section 381(c)(4) and the regulations thereunder.

(3) The rules of this section apply to obligations assumed by agreement of the parties as well as by operation of law.

(4) For purposes of this section, an obligation of a distributor or transferor corporation gives rise to a liability when the liability would be accruable by a taxpayer using the accrual method of accounting notwithstanding the fact that the distributor or transferor corporation is not using the accrual method of accounting. See paragraph (a)(2) of § 1.461-1.

(5) In the case of a transaction to which section 381(a)(2) applies, the determination as to whether or not an obligation was reflected in the amount of consideration transferred by the acquiring corporation to the transferor corporation or its shareholders in exchange for the property of the transferor corporation shall be made on the basis of all the facts of each particular transfer. Where, on the date of distribution or transfer, the parties were aware of the existence of a specific obligation and reduced the amount of consideration to be transferred by the acquiring corporation by a specific amount because of the existence of such obligation, then such obligation shall be considered to have been reflected in the amount of consideration transferred. In the absence of such facts, it shall be presumed that the obligation was not reflected in the amount of consideration transferred.

(b) *Distribution or transfer occurring under the Internal Revenue Code of 1939.* Subject to the provisions of section 381(c)(16) and this section, a corporation which would have been an acquiring corporation (under the provisions of paragraph (b) of § 1.381(a)-1) in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies if the date of distribution or transfer had occurred on or after the effective date of the provisions of subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, applicable to a liquidation or reorganization, as the case may be, shall be entitled to take a deduction for amounts paid or accrued in any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1953, in respect of any obligation which it has assumed from a corporation which would have been a distributor or transferor corporation in such transaction. However, this paragraph shall have no application to a situation described in paragraph (a)(2)(iv) of this section.

(c) *Examples.* The application of the foregoing rules may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). X Corporation and Y Corporation compute their taxable income on the basis of the calendar year, and both corporations use an accrual method of accounting. On December 31, 1954, Y Corporation acquires the assets of X Corporation in a transfer to which section 381(a)(2) applies. By reason of State law, Y Corporation assumes responsibility for all of the obligations for which X Corporation is then, or may become, liable. The parties have no knowledge of any specific obligations of X Corporation which are not yet fixed and ascertainable, but it is agreed to reduce the amount of consideration that Y Corporation is to transfer in exchange for the assets of X Corporation by $5,000 to reflect any unforeseen contingent liabilities of X Corporation for which Y Corporation might subsequently become liable. After the date of the transfer, a claim for damages on account of the alleged negligence of an alleged agent of X Corporation is filed. After commencement of legal action by the claimant and in order to eliminate the possibility of injury to its business, Y Corporation settles the claim in 1955 by paying the claimant the amount of $3,000. Assuming that such sum would have been deductible under section 162 if paid by X Corporation, Y Corporation is entitled to deduct such sum in accordance with the provisions of section 381(c)(16) and this section in computing its taxable income for 1955, since the claim gave rise to a liability after the date of transfer, the parties were not aware of a specific obligation, and the specific obligation was not reflected in the consideration transferred by Y Corporation in exchange for the assets of X Corporation.

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that the claim for damages was filed prior to the transfer of X Corporation's assets to Y Corporation, but the parties considered the chances for recovery by the claimant so remote that no specific amount other than the $5,000 reduction in consideration for all contingent liabilities as a whole is reflected in the consideration transferred by Y Corporation in exchange for the assets of X Corporation. Assuming that such sum would have been deductible under section 162 if paid by X Corporation, the $3,000 paid by Y Corporation in 1955 is deductible in accordance with the provisions of section 381(c)(16) and this section in 1955.

Example (3). Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that the parties consider the chances of recovery by the claimant of sufficient probability that Y Corporation reduces the amount of consideration it transfers in exchange for the assets of X Corporation by $1,000 in addition to the $5,000 reduction for all other contingent liabilities. The $3,000 paid by Y Corporation in 1955 is not deductible under section 381(c)(16) and this section, since the specific obligation was reflected in the consideration transferred by Y Corporation in exchange for the assets of X Corporation. The deductibility of the payment is accordingly governed by the provisions of section 381(c)(4) and the regulations thereunder. Similarly, if in this case Y Corporation had transferred $10,000 less in consideration for the assets of X Corporation because of this particular claim, Y Corporation would not be entitled to any deduction for the $3,000 paid in 1955 under section 381(c)(16) and this section, and the deductibility of the payment would be governed by the provisions of section 381(c)(4) and the regulations thereunder. If the date of transfer of X Corporation's assets had occurred prior to the effective date of subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, applicable to a reorganization, no deduction would be allowed to Y Corporation under that section.

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§ 1.381(c)(17)-1 Deficiency dividend of personal holding company.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* If a determination (as defined in section 547(c)) establishes that a distributor or transferor corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies is liable for personal holding company tax imposed by section 541 (or by a corresponding provision of prior income tax law) for any taxable year ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer, then in computing such tax the deduction described in section 547 shall be allowed pursuant to section 381(c)(17) to such corporation for the amount of deficiency dividends paid by the acquiring corporation with respect to the distributor or transferor corporation. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of section 547 and the regulations thereunder apply with respect to a deficiency dividend deduction allowable pursuant to section 381(c)(17).

(b) *Deficiency dividends paid by the acquiring corporation with respect to the distributor or transferor corporation.* A deficiency dividend paid by the acquiring corporation with respect to the distributor or transferor corporation is a distribution that would satisfy the definition of a deficiency dividend under section 547(d)(1) if paid by the distributor or transferor corporation to its own shareholders except that it shall be paid by the acquiring corporation to its own shareholders and shall be paid after the date of distribution or transfer and on, or within 90 days after, the date of the determination but before the acquiring corporation files claim under paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Claim for deduction.* A claim for a deduction under this section shall be made by the acquiring corporation on Form 976, and shall be filed within 120 days after the date of the determination. The form shall contain, or be accompanied by, the information required under paragraph (b)(2) of § 1.547-2 in sufficient detail to properly identify the facts with the distributor or transferor corporation and the acquiring corporation. The statement required with respect to the shareholders on the date of payment of the deficiency dividend shall relate to the shareholders of the acquiring corporation, and the required certified copy of the resolution authorizing the payment of the dividend shall be that of the board of directors, or other authority, of the acquiring corporation. Necessary changes may be made in Form 976 in order to carry out the provisions of this paragraph. The claim shall be filed with the district director for the internal revenue district in which the return of the distributor or transferor corporation to which such claim relates was filed.

(d) *Effect on dividends paid deduction.* A deficiency dividend paid by the acquiring corporation, which is allowable as a deduction to a distributor or transferor corporation pursuant to section 381(c)(17), shall not become a part of the dividends paid deduction of the acquiring corporation under section 561 for any taxable year.

(e) *Successive transactions to which section 381(a) applies.* The provisions of this section shall apply in the case of successive transactions to which section 381(a) applies. Thus, if X Corporation transfers its assets to Y Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies and if Y Corporation transfers its assets to Z Corporation in a subsequent transaction to which section 381(a) applies, then, subject to the provisions of this section, X Corporation may take a deficiency dividend deduction for the amount of deficiency dividends paid by Z Corporation with respect to X Corporation.

(f) *Example.* The provisions of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. M Corporation, a personal holding company, computes its taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. On December 31, 1956, N Corporation acquires the assets of M Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies. On July 31, 1958, a determination (as defined in section 547(c)) establishes that M Corporation is liable for the taxable year 1955 for personal holding company tax in the amount of $35,500 based on undistributed personal holding company income of $42,000 for such taxable year. N Corporation complies with the provisions of this section and on September 30, 1958, distributes $42,000 to its shareholders as deficiency dividends with respect to M Corporation's taxable year 1955. The distribution of $42,000 by N Corporation is a taxable dividend under section 316(b)(2) regardless of whether N Corporation is a personal holding company for the taxable year 1958 or whether it had any current or accumulated earnings and profits. See example (3) in paragraph (e) of § 1.316-1. Because N Corporation has paid deficiency dividends of $42,000 in accordance with this section, M Corporation is entitled to a deficiency dividend deduction of $42,000 for the taxable year 1955 and is thus relieved of its liability for personal holding company tax of $35,500 for such taxable year. To prevent a duplication of deductions, the amount distributed by N Corporation in 1958 does not become a part of N Corporation's dividends paid deduction under section 561 for any taxable year.

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§ 1.381(c)(18)-1 Depletion on extraction of ores or minerals from the waste or residue of prior mining.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* Section 381(c)(18) provides that the acquiring corporation in a transaction described in section 381(a) shall be considered as though it were the distributor or transferor corporation after the date of distribution or transfer for the purpose of determining the applicability of section 613(c)(3) (relating to extraction of ores or minerals from the ground). Thus, an acquiring corporation which has acquired the waste or residue of prior mining from a distributor or transferor corporation in a transaction described in section 381(a) shall be entitled, after the date of distribution or transfer, to an allowance for depletion under section 611 in respect of ores or minerals extracted from such waste or residue if the distributor or transferor corporation would have been entitled to such an allowance for depletion in the absence of the distribution or transfer. See paragraph (f) of § 1.613-4 to determine whether a distributor or transferor corporation is entitled to an allowance for depletion with respect to the waste or residue of prior mining.

(b) *Application of section 614 to waste or residue of prior mining.* If, in a transaction described in section 381(a), the acquiring corporation acquires waste or residue of prior mining from a distributor or transferor corporation, then the acquiring corporation shall be considered as though it were the distributor or transferor corporation for the purpose of applying section 614 and the regulations thereunder to the waste or residue so acquired. Thus, if the distributor or transferor corporation was required under paragraph (c) of § 1.614-1 to treat the waste or residue as part of the mineral deposit from which it was extracted and if the acquiring corporation acquires both the waste or residue and the mineral deposit from which it was extracted in a transaction described in section 381(a), then such waste or residue shall be treated as a part of such mineral deposit in the hands of the acquiring corporation. On the other hand, if the waste or residue was required to be treated as a separate mineral deposit in the hands of the distributor or transferor corporation, such waste or residue shall be treated as a separate mineral deposit in the hands of the acquiring corporation.

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§ 1.381(c)(19)-1 Charitable contribution carryovers in certain acquisitions.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* Section 381(c)(19) provides that, in computing taxable income for its taxable years which begin after the date of distribution or transfer to which section 381(a) applies, the acquiring corporation shall take into account any charitable contributions made by a distributor or transferor corporation during the taxable year ending on the date of distribution or transfer, and in certain immediately preceding taxable years, which are in excess of the maximum amount deductible for those taxable years under section 170(b)(2) in the following manner:

(1) If the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ending on the date of distribution or transfer begins before January 1, 1962, the acquiring corporation shall, in computing taxable income for its first 2 taxable years which begin after the date of such distribution or transfer, take into account the excess contributions made by the distributor or transferor corporation in the taxable year ending on the date of distribution or transfer and in the immediately preceding taxable year;

(2) If the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ending

on the date of distribution or transfer begins after December 31, 1961, the acquiring corporation shall, in computing taxable income for certain taxable years which begin after the date of distribution or transfer, take into account the excess contributions made by the distributor or transferor corporation in the taxable year ending on such date of distribution or transfer and in any of the four taxable years immediately preceding such taxable year but excluding any taxable year beginning before January 1, 1962 (see paragraph (c)(3) of this section). Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ending on the date of distribution or transfer begins after December 31, 1961, and before January 1, 1963, the acquiring corporation shall, in computing taxable income for its first taxable year which begins after the date of distribution or transfer, also take into account the excess contributions made by the distributor or transferor corporation in the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ending on the date of distribution or transfer (see paragraph (c)(2) of this section).

To determine the amount of excess contributions made by a distributor or transferor corporation and to integrate them with contributions made by the acquiring corporation for the purpose of determining the charitable contributions deductible by the acquiring corporation for its taxable years beginning immediately after the date of distribution or transfer, it is necessary to apply the provisions of section 170(b)(2) and § 1.170-3 (or, if applicable, section 170(b)(2) and (d)(2) and § 1.170A-11) in accordance with the conditions and limitations of section 381(c)(19) and this section. For taxable years beginning before January 1, 1970, see section 170 for provisions of section 170(b)(2) as referred to in this section. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1969, see section 170A for provisions of section 170(b)(2) or (d)(2) as referred to in this section. For special rules for applying section 170(d)(2) with respect to contributions paid, or treated as paid, in taxable years beginning before January 1, 1970, see paragraph (d) of § 1.170A-11.

(b) *Manner of computing excess charitable contribution carryovers.* (1) The amount of any charitable contribution made by a distributor or transferor corporation in any taxable year ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer, or made by the acquiring corporation in any taxable year before its taxable year beginning after the date of distribution or transfer, in excess of the amount allowable as a deduction to such corporation for such taxable year under section 170(b)(2) shall be determined by taking into account the taxable income of, and the contributions made by, that corporation only.

(2) An acquiring corporation which, in a distribution or transfer to which section 381(a) applies, acquires the assets of a distributor or transferor corporation which previously acquired the assets of another corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, shall succeed to and take into account, subject to the conditions and limitations of sections 170 and 381, the charitable contribution carryovers available to the first acquiring corporation under sections 170 and 381, including those derived by such first acquiring corporation from its distributor or transferor corporation.

(3) The excess charitable contributions made by a distributor or transferor corporation in its taxable year ending on the date of distribution or transfer and in certain immediately preceding taxable years (see paragraph (c) of this section) which are not deductible by the distributor or transferor corporation because of the 5-percent limitation of section 170(b)(2) shall be available to the acquiring corporation without diminution by reason of the fact that the acquiring corporation does not acquire 100 percent of the assets of the distributor or transferor corporation. Thus, if a parent corporation owning 80 percent of all classes of stock of its subsidiary corporation were to acquire its share of the assets of the subsidiary corporation upon a complete liquidation described in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of § 1.381(a)-1, then, subject to the condi-

tions and limitations of this section, 100 percent of the excess contributions made by the subsidiary corporation would be available to the acquiring corporation.

(c) *Taxable years to which carryovers apply and amount deductible*—(1) *Taxable years beginning before January 1, 1962.* If the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ending on the date of distribution or transfer begins before January 1, 1962:

(i) The excess charitable contributions made by a distributor or transferor corporation in its taxable year immediately preceding that ending on the date of distribution or transfer, to the extent not deductible by it because of the limitations of section 170(b)(2) in its taxable year ending on that date, shall be deductible by the acquiring corporation to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) in its first taxable year beginning after the date of distribution or transfer. Any portion of such excess which is not deductible under this section by the acquiring corporation in such first taxable year shall not be deducted by that corporation in any other taxable year.

(ii) The excess charitable contributions made by a distributor or transferor corporation in its taxable year ending on the date of distribution or transfer shall first be deductible by the acquiring corporation to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) and this section in its first taxable year beginning after that date and then, to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) and this section, in its second taxable year beginning after that date. Any portion of such excess which is not deductible under this section by the acquiring corporation in such first and second taxable years shall not be deducted by that corporation in any other taxable year.

(2) *Taxable years beginning in 1962.* If the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ending on the date of distribution or transfer begins after December 31, 1961, and before January 1, 1963:

(i) The excess charitable contributions made by a distributor or transferor corporation in its taxable year immediately preceding that ending on the date of distribution or transfer, to the extent not deductible by it because of the limitations of section 170(b)(2) in its taxable year ending on that date, shall be deductible by the acquiring corporation to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) in its first taxable year beginning after the date of distribution or transfer. Any portion of such excess which is not deductible under this section by the acquiring corporation in such first year shall not be deducted by that corporation in any other taxable year.

(ii) The excess charitable contributions made by a distributor or transferor corporation in its taxable year ending on the date of distribution or transfer and beginning after December 31, 1961, and before January 1, 1963, shall first be deductible by the acquiring corporation to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) and this section in its first taxable year beginning after that date and then, to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) and this section, in its second, third, fourth, and fifth taxable year, in order of time, beginning after that date. Any portion of such excess which is not deductible under this section by the acquiring corporation in such 5 taxable years shall not be deducted by that corporation in any other taxable year.

(3) *Taxable years beginning after December 31, 1962.* (i) If the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation ending on the date of distribution or transfer begins after December 31, 1962, the excess charitable contributions made by a distributor or transferor corporation in its taxable year ending on the date of distribution or transfer and in each of its four immediately preceding taxable years (excluding any taxable year beginning before January 1, 1962), to the extent not deductible by it because of the limitations of section 170(b)(2) in its taxable year ending on the date of distribution or transfer or its prior taxable years, shall be deductible by the acquiring corporation to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) (or, if applicable, section 170(d)(2)) and subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph, in its taxable years which begin after the date of distribution or transfer. How-

ever, any portion of the excess charitable contributions made by a distributor or transferor corporation in a particular taxable year, to which this subparagraph is applicable, which is not deductible under this section within the 5 taxable years immediately following the taxable year in which the contribution was paid by the distributor or transferor corporation shall not be deductible by the acquiring corporation in any other taxable year.

(ii) For purposes of determining the 5 taxable years in which the excess contributions may be deducted, all taxable years of the distributor or transferor corporation subsequent to the taxable year in which the excess contribution was made, including the taxable year ending on the date of distribution or transfer shall be treated as taxable years of the acquiring corporation.

(iii) The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X Corporation and Y Corporation both compute taxable income on the calendar year basis. X Corporation has excess charitable contributions for 1962 and 1964. On December 31, 1966, X Corporation distributes all its assets to Y Corporation in a complete liquidation to which section 381(a) applies. The excess 1962 charitable contributions of X Corporation (to the extent not deductible by X because of the limitations of section 170(b)(2) in its taxable years 1963 through 1966) may be deducted by Y Corporation only in 1967. Y Corporation's taxable year 1967 is the fifth taxable year succeeding the taxable year 1962 (the year in which the excess contributions were made), and the portion of such excess contributions which is not deductible in the 5 taxable years immediately succeeding 1962 (1963 through 1967) is not deductible by Y Corporation in any other taxable year. Any excess charitable contributions for 1964 to which Y Corporation may be entitled must be deducted by Y Corporation (if deductible at all) in 1967, 1968, and 1969 since such years are the third, fourth, and fifth taxable years succeeding the taxable year 1964 (the year in which the excess contributions were paid).

(4) *General rules.* No excess charitable contributions made by a distributor or transferor corporation shall be deductible by the acquiring corporation in its taxable year which includes the date of distribution or transfer. In addition, an excess charitable contribution made by a distributor or transferor corporation in a taxable year prior to the taxable year of the transfer is only deductible by the distributor or transferor corporation, subject to the limitations of section 170(b)(2) (or, if applicable, section 170(d)(2)), in its subsequent taxable years which begin on or before the date of distribution or transfer, and by the acquiring corporation in its taxable year or years beginning after the date of distribution or transfer.

(d) *Rules governing amounts deductible by acquiring corporations.* (1) In applying the provisions of section 170(b)(2) (or, if applicable, section 170(d)(2)) for the purpose of determining the amount of excess charitable contributions which are deductible by the acquiring corporation in its taxable years beginning after the date of distribution or transfer, all taxable years of the distributor or tranferor and acquiring corporations which, with respect to a particular taxable year beginning after the date of distribution or transfer, constitute the same numbered preceding taxable year shall together be considered as a 1 taxable year even though the taxable years involved may not end on the same date. Thus, for example, all taxable years of the distributor or transferor and acquiring corporations which, with respect to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation beginning after the date of distribution or transfer, constitutes the second preceding taxable year shall together be considered as 1 taxable year even though the taxable years involved may not end on the same date. Any excess charitable contributions carried over from preceding taxable years which are considered as 1 taxable year shall be taken into account by the acquiring corporation as one amount, without regard to the extent to which the contributions were made by a distributor or transferor corporation or the acquiring corporation.

(2) For purposes of this paragraph, each taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation beginning on or before the date of distribution or transfer shall be treated as a preceding taxable year with reference to the

acquiring corporation's taxable years beginning after such date. For example, the taxable year of a distributor or transferor corporation which ends on the date of distribution or transfer shall be considered a first preceding taxable year with reference to the acquiring corporation's first taxable year beginning after that date, a second preceding taxable year with reference to the acquiring corporation's second taxable year beginning after that date, and so forth with respect to succeeding taxable years of the acquiring corporation. Also, for example, the taxable year of a distributor or transferor corporation which immediately precedes its taxable year ending on the date of distribution or transfer shall be considered a second preceding taxable year with reference to the acquiring corporation's first taxable year beginning after that date.

(e) *Illustration.* The application of this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (i) X Corporation is organized on April 1, 1956, and computes its taxable income on the basis of the fiscal year ending March 31. Y Corporation is organized on July 1, 1955, and computes its taxable income on the basis of the fiscal year ending June 30. Z Corporation is organized on January 1, 1956, and computes its taxable income on the basis of the calendar year. On June 30, 1957, X Corporation distributes all its assets to Y Corporation in a complete liquidation to which section 381(a) applies. On November 30, 1957, Y Corporation transfers all its assets to Z Corporation in a statutory merger to which section 381(a) applies.

(ii) The 5-percent limitation (computed in the manner prescribed by section 170(b)(2)), the charitable contributions actually paid, and the excess contributions with respect to each such corporation during the taxable years involved are as follows:

Name of corporation	*X*	*X*
Taxable year ending	*3-31-57*	*6-30-57*
5-percent limitation	$20,000	$9,000
Current contributions	32,000	15,000
(Excess contributions)	(12,000)	(6,000)

Name of corporation	*Y*	*Y*	*Y*
Taxable year ending	*6-30-56*	*6-30-57*	*11-30-57*
5-percent limitation	$15,000	$10,000	$18,000
Current contributions	29,000	0	17,000
(Excess contributions)	(14,000)		
Balance of 5-percent limitation		10,000	1,000

Name of corporation	*Z*	*Z*	*Z*
Taxable year ending	*12-31-56*	*12-31-57*	*12-31-58*
5-percent limitation	$10,000	$30,000	$58,000
Current contributions	40,000	28,000	92,000
(Excess contributions)	(30,000)		
Balance of 5-percent limitation		2,000	56,000

(iii) X Corporation was in existence for two taxable years, in each of which it made charitable contributions in excess of the maximum amount deductible for those years under section 170(b)(2). The excess contributions made in the year ending March 31, 1957, of $12,000, are deductible by X Corporation in its short taxable year ending June 30, 1957, and then by Y Corporation in its short taxable year ending November 30, 1957, in each instance in the manner and to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) and this section. The excess contributions made by X Corporation in the year ending June 30, 1957, of $6,000, are deductible by Y Corporation in its short taxable year ending November 30, 1957, and then by Z Corporation in its taxable year 1958, in each instance in the manner and to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) and this section.

(iv) Y Corporation was in existence for three taxable years. In the year ended June 30, 1956, its contributions in excess of the amount deductible for that year under section 170(b)(2) amounted to $14,000. Such excess is deductible by Y Corporation in its taxable year ending June 30, 1957, and, together with X Corporation's excess contributions of $18,000, in its short taxable year ending November 30, 1957, in each instance in the manner and to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) and this section. Accordingly, since Y Corporation made no contributions in its taxable year ending June 30, 1957, its deduction for that year on account of excess contributions carried over is $10,000, an amount equal to the 5-percent limitation of section 170(b)(2). The deduction is attributable to excess contributions made by Y Corporation in the taxable year ended June 30, 1956; thus, the excess of those contributions over $10,000, namely, $4,000, is deductible by Y Corporation in its short taxable year ending November 30, 1957, in the manner and to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) and this section. With respect to the short taxable year ending November 30, 1957, the excess contributions of the second preceding year are

X Corporation's excess contributions of $12,000 made in the year ending March 31, 1957, and Y Corporation's excess contributions of $4,000 made in the year ending June 30, 1956, which were not deductible by Y Corporation in the taxable year ending June 30, 1957, because of the 5-percent limitation prescribed by section 170(b)(2), an aggregate of $16,000. Inasmuch as Y Corporation's limitation for the short taxable year ended November 30, 1957, exceeds the contributions made in that year by $1,000, the excess contributions of the second preceding taxable year are deductible in the taxable year ending November 30, 1957, to the extent of $1,000 and the remainder ($15,000) is not deductible by any corporation in any taxable year. The excess contributions of the first preceding taxable year, namely, X Corporation's excess contributions made in the short taxable year ending June 30, 1957, are deductible by Z Corporation in its taxable year 1958, in the manner and to the extent prescribed in section 170(b)(2) and this section.

(v) Z Corporation has been in existence for 3 taxable years. The contributions made in 1956 in excess of the amount deductible for that year under section 170(b)(2) amounted to $30,000. Such excess is deductible by Z Corporation in its taxable year 1957 and, together with X Corporation's excess contributions of $6,000 (derived through Y Corporation) made in the taxable year ending June 30, 1957, in the taxable year 1958, in each instance in the manner and to the extent prescribed by section 170(b)(2) and this section. Thus, $2,000 of the $30,000 excess contributions made in the year 1956 are deducted in 1957 and the remainder ($28,000), together with X Corporation's excess contributions of $6,000 made in the short taxable year ending June 30, 1957, are deducted in 1958 since the aggregate of such amounts plus the contributions actually made in that year does not exceed the 5-percent limitation prescribed by section 170(b)(2).

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§ 1.381(c)(21)-1 Pre-1954 adjustments resulting from change in method of accounting.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* Section 381(c)(21) provides that, in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, an acquiring corporation shall take into account the net amount of any adjustments described in section 481(b)(4) (relating to adjustments arising from changes in accounting methods initiated by the taxpayer attributable to pre-1954 Code years) of the distributor or transferor corporation to the extent that such net amount of such adjustments has not been taken into account in any taxable year, including a short taxable year, by the distributor or transferor corporation. The acquiring corporation shall take into account in each taxable year beginning with the taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer the net amount of such adjustments in the same manner and at the same time as such net amount would have been taken into account by the distributor or transferor corporation. Thus, the amount of any such adjustment which the acquiring corporation shall take into account in each taxable year shall be the same amount that would have been taken into account in each taxable year by the distributor or transferor corporation.

(b) This section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. On January 1, 1960, X Corporation, a calendar year taxpayer, voluntarily changed its method of accounting giving rise to a $50,000 adjustment under section 481(a), of which $20,000 is attributable to pre-1954 Code years. Under section 481(b)(4) the $20,000 adjustment is to be spread over 1960 and the following 9 years at the rate of $2,000 each year. On November 1, 1963, all the assets of X Corporation are acquired by Y Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies. Y Corporation reports its income on a fiscal year ending June 30. X and Y Corporations must take into account the $20,000 adjustment at the rate of $2,000 in each taxable year in the following time and manner:

X Corporation		
Calendar years 1960–62 ($2,000×3)	$6,000	
Short taxable year ending Nov. 1, 1963 ($2,000×1)	2,000	$8,000
Y Corporation		
Fiscal years ending:		
June 30, 1964 ($2,000×1)	2,000	
June 30, 1965–69 ($2,000×5)	10,000	12,000
		20,000

(c) *Successive transactions to which section 381(a) applies.* The provisions of this section shall apply in the case of successive transactions to which section 381(a) applies. Thus, if R Corporation, which was taking into account adjustments described in section

481(b)(4), distributes or transfers its assets to S Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, and S Corporation was required to take into account any remaining portion of such adjustments under section 381(c)(21) and this section, and if subsequently S Corporation distributes or transfers its assets to T Corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, then T Corporation, under section 381(c)(21) and this section, shall take into account any remaining portion of such adjustments not previously taken into account by R and S Corporations.

(d) *Acquiring corporation not receiving all the assets.* The adjustments described in this section acquired from a distributor or transferor corporation by an acquiring corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies is not reduced by reason of the fact that the acquiring corporation does not acquire 100 percent of the assets of the distributor or transferor corporation.

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§ 1.381(c)(22)-1 Successor life insurance company.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* If in a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1957, a distributor or transferor corporation which is a life insurance company (as defined in section 801(a)) is acquired by a corporation which is a life insurance company (as defined in section 801(a)), in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, section 381(c)(22) provides that the acquiring corporation shall take into account the appropriate items which the distributor or transferor corporation was required to take into account for purposes of part I, subchapter L, chapter 1 of the Code. Furthermore, except as otherwise provided by this section, the acquiring corporation shall take into account the items described in paragraphs (2) through (21), other than paragraphs (14), (15), and (17), of section 381(c) and the regulations thereunder. For example, the acquiring corporation shall take into account the reserves described in section 810(c) distributed or transferred to it as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer by the distributor or transferor corporation in accordance with the provisions of section 381(c)(4) and the regulations thereunder. For provisions defining the date of distribution or transfer, see paragraph (b) of § 1.381(b)-1.

(b) *Items required to be taken into account by acquiring corporation.* If a transaction meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, the acquiring corporation shall, except as otherwise provided, take into account as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer the following items of the distributor or transferor corporation:

(1) The operations loss carryovers (as determined under section 812), subject to conditions and limitations consistent with the conditions and limitations prescribed in section 381(c)(1) and the regulations thereunder. For example, a loss from operations for a loss year of a distributor or transferor corporation which ends on or before the last day of a loss year of the acquiring corporation shall be considered to be a loss from operations for a year prior to such loss year of the acquiring corporation. All references in section 381(c)(1) and the regulations thereunder to section 172 shall be construed as referring to the appropriate corresponding provisions of section 812. Thus, a reference to section 172(b) shall be construed as referring to section 812 (b) and (d). In determining the span of years for which a loss from operations may be carried, the number of taxable years for which the distributor or transferor corporation was authorized to do business as an insurance company shall be taken into account. For purposes of this determination, the taxable year of the distributor or transferor corporation which ends on the date of distribution or transfer shall be taken into account even though such taxable year is a period of less than 12 months.

(2)(i) The investment yield and the beginning of the year asset balance for the distributor or transferor corporation's taxable year ending with the close of the date of distribution or transfer. Such items shall be integrated with the investment yield and beginning of the year asset balance of the acquiring corporation for its first taxable year ending after such date of distribution or transfer for purposes of determining the current earnings rate of the acquiring corporation for such taxable year. Furthermore, for purposes of determining the average earnings rate of the acquiring corporation, the investment yield and mean of the assets of the distributor or transferor corporation for its 4 taxable years immediately preceding its taxable year which closes with the date of distribution or transfer shall be integrated with the investment yield and mean of the assets of the acquiring corporation for such corresponding taxable years.

(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). X qualified as a life insurance company in 1949. Y qualified as a life insurance company in 1951. On June 30, 1961, at which time both X and Y were life insurance companies (as defined in section 801(a)), X transferred all its assets to Y in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. For its taxable year ending on June 30, 1961, X had investment yield of $15 and assets at the beginning of such taxable year of $450. For purposes of determining its current earnings rate for its taxable year ending on December 31, 1961, Y had investment yield of $45 (including the $15 of investment yield of X), assets at the beginning of such taxable year of $1,250 (including the $450 of X's assets at the beginning of its taxable year 1961), and assets at the end of such taxable year of $1,750 (after the application of section 806(a)). Under the provisions of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph, the current earnings rate of Y for the taxable year 1961 would be 3 percent, determined by dividing the investment yield of Y, $45, by the mean of the assets of Y, $1,500 ($1,250+$1,750÷2). In order to determine its average earnings rate and adjusted reserves rate for the taxable year 1961, Y would make up the following schedule:

Taxable year	Investment yield			Mean of assets			Current earnings rate of Y
	Column 1—X	Column 2—Y	Column 3 (Col. 1 + Col. 2) integrated investment yield	Column 4—X	Column 5—Y	Column 6 (Col. 4 + Col. 5) integrated means of assets	Column 7 (Col. 3 ÷ Col. 6)
1960	$16	$26	$42	$400	$800	$1,200	3.5
1959	16	24	40	500	750	1,250	3.2
1958	17	22	39	650	650	1,300	3.0
1957	19	21	40	700	500	1,200	3.3

For the taxable year 1961, Y would have an average earnings rate of 3.2 percent, computed by taking into account the current earnings rates for the taxable year 1961 and each of the 4 taxable years immediately preceding such taxable year. The adjusted reserves rate for such taxable year would be 3 percent since the current earnings rate of 3 percent for 1961 is lower than the average earnings rate of 3.2 percent.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that the taxable year in issue is 1962, and the current earnings rate of Y for such taxable year was 3.8 percent. For the taxable year 1962, Y would have an average earnings rate of 3.3 percent, computed by taking into account only the current earnings rates for the taxable year 1962 and each of the 4 taxable years immediately preceding such taxable year. The adjusted reserves rate for such taxable year would be 3.3 percent since the average earnings rate of 3.3 percent is lower than the 1962 current earnings rate of 3.8 percent.

(3) To the extent there are any amounts accrued for discounts in the nature of interest which have not been included as interest paid under section 805(e)(3), the acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation for purposes of including such amounts as interest paid.

(4) Any adjustment required by section 806(b) with respect to an item described in section 810(c) shall be made by the acquiring corporation in its first taxable year which begins after the date of distribution or transfer.

(5) The amount of the deduction provided by section 809(d)(6), as limited by section 809(f), for all taxable years of the distributor or transferor corporation which end on and before the date of distribution or transfer (irrespective of whether or not the dis-

tributor or transferor corporation claimed this deduction for such taxable years) for the purpose of determining the limitation under section 809(d)(6).

(6)(i) To the extent there are any remaining net increases or net decreases in reserves required to be taken into account by the distributor or transferor corporation under section 810(d)(1), the acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation as of its first taxable year which begins after the date of distribution or transfer.

(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. Assume that the amount of an item described in section 810(c) of X, a life insurance company, at the beginning of the taxable year 1959 is $100. Assume that at the end of the taxable year 1959, as a result of a change in the basis used in computing such item during the taxable year, the amount of the item (computed on the new basis) is $200 but computed on the old basis would have been $150. Since the amount of the item at the end of the taxable year computed on the new basis, $200, exceeds the amount of the item at the end of the taxable year computed on the old basis, $150, by $50, section 810(d)(1) provides that one-tenth of the amount of such excess, or $5, shall be taken into account by X as a net increase referred to in section 809(d)(2) and paragraph (a)(2) of § 1.809-5 in determining gain or loss from operations for each of the 10 taxable years immediately following the taxable year 1959. Assume further that on June 30, 1961, X transferred all its assets to Y, a life insurance company, in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. Under the provisions of section 810(d)(1), X would include $5 as a net increase under section 809(d)(2) and paragraph (a)(2) of § 1.809-5 in determining gain or loss from operations for its taxable years 1960 and 1961. Thus, the remaining net increase to be taken into account by X under section 810(d)(1) is $40 (eight-tenths of $50). Accordingly, Y shall take into account $5 as a net increase referred to in section 809(d)(2) and paragraph (a)(2) of § 1.809-5 in determining gain or loss from operations for each of its 8 taxable years beginning in 1962 ($5×8=$40).

(7)(i) The dollar balances in the shareholders surplus account, policyholders surplus account, and other accounts provided, however, that the acquiring corporation is a stock life insurance company. The dollar balance in the policyholders surplus account shall reflect the amount (if any) treated as a subtraction from such account by reason of the application of the limitation provided under section 815(d)(4) immediately prior to the close of the date of distribution or transfer. To the extent that any amount must be added to the shareholders surplus account as a result of the application of the limitation provided under section 815(d)(4), the acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation as of its first taxable year which begins after the date of distribution or transfer.

(ii) If the acquiring corporation is a mutual life insurance company, the dollar balances in the shareholders surplus account, policyholders surplus account, and other accounts shall not be taken into account by such acquiring corporation and the distributor or transferor corporation shall be subject to the provisions of section 815(d)(2)(A) as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer.

(8) To the extent that any amount must be added to the shareholders surplus account as a result of an election made under section 815(d)(1) by the distributor or transferor corporation, the acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation as of its first taxable year which begins after the date of distribution or transfer.

(9) The amount of the life insurance reserves at the end of 1958, but only for the purpose of applying the limitation provided under section 815(d)(4)(B).

(10) To the extent there are amounts subject to the provisions of section 817(d), the acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation.

(11) To the extent there are any installments of tax imposed by section 818(e)(3)(A) remaining to be paid, the acquiring corporation shall be treated as the distributor or transferor corporation for the purpose of paying such installments.

(12) The capital loss carryovers, subject to conditions and limitations consistent with the conditions and limitations prescribed in section 381(c)(3)

and the regulations thereunder, except that any net capital loss of the distributor or transferor corporation for a taxable year beginning before January 1, 1959, shall not be taken into account. See section 817(c).

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§ 1.381(c)(23)-1 Investment credit carryovers in certain corporate acquisitions.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* (1) Section 381(c)(23) requires the acquiring corporation in a transaction to which section 381 applies to succeed to and take into account under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary or his delegate, the investment credit carryovers of the distributor or transferor corporation. To determine the amount of these carryovers as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer, and to integrate them with any carryovers and carrybacks of the acquiring corporation for purposes of determining the amount of credit allowed by section 38 to the acquiring corporation for taxable years ending after the date of distribution or transfer, it is necessary to apply the provisions of sections 46, 47, and 48 in accordance with the conditions and limitations of this section.

(2) The investment credit carryovers and carrybacks of the acquiring corporation determined as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall be computed without reference to any unused credit of a distributor or transferor corporation. The investment credit carryovers of a distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall be determined without reference to any unused credit of the acquiring corporation.

(b) *Carryback of unused credits.* An unused credit of the acquiring corporation for any taxable year ending after the date of distribution or transfer shall not be carried back in computing the credit allowed by section 38 to a distributor or transferor corporation. However, an unused credit of the acquiring corporation for any such taxable year shall be carried back in accordance with section 46(b)(1) in computing the credit allowed to the acquiring corporation for a taxable year ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer. If a distributor or transferor corporation remains in existence after the date of distribution or transfer, an unused credit sustained by it for any taxable year beginning after such date shall be carried back in accordance with section 46(b)(1) in computing the credit allowed by section 38 to such corporation for a taxable year ending on or before that date, but may not be carried back or over in computing the credit allowed by section 38 to the acquiring corporation.

(c) *Computation of carryovers and carrybacks.* (1) Subject to the modifications set forth in this paragraph, the provisions of § 1.46-2 shall apply in computing carryovers and carrybacks of unused credits to taxable years of the acquiring corporation.

(2)(i) The investment credit carryovers available to the distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall first be carried to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after that date. This rule applies whether the date of distribution or transfer is on the last day, or any other day, of the acquiring corporation's taxable year.

(ii) The investment credit carryovers available to the distributor or transferor corporation as of the close of the date of distribution or transfer shall be carried to the acquiring corporation without diminution by reason of the fact that the acquiring corporation does not acquire 100 percent of the assets of the distributor or transferor corporation.

(3) An unused credit of a distributor or transferor corporation for a taxable year which ends on or before the last day of a taxable year of the acquiring corporation shall be considered to be an unused credit for a year prior to such taxable year of the acquiring corporation. If the acquiring corporation has acquired the assets of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on the same date of distribution or transfer, the unused credit years of the distributor or transferor corporations shall be taken into account in the order in which such years terminate. If any one of the unused credit

years of a distributor or transferor corporation ends on the same day as the unused credit year of another distributor or transferor corporation, either unused credit year may be taken into account before the other.

(4) The extent to which an investment credit carryover of a distributor or transferor corporation or of an acquiring corporation from an unused credit year ending before January 1, 1971, may be taken into account by the acquiring corporation for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1970, shall be determined without regard to the credit earned by the acquiring corporation for such year. Thus, in such a case, the amount of unused credit from such unused credit years which may be taken into account in a taxable year of the acquiring corporation beginning after December 31, 1970, shall be determined solely with reference to the limitation based on amount of tax for such taxable year (without reduction for the credit earned for such year).

(d) *Computation of carryovers when date of distribution or transfer occurs on last day of acquiring corporation's taxable year.* The computation of the investment credit carryovers from the distributor or transferor corporation and from the acquiring corporation in a case where the date of distribution or transfer occurs on the last day of a taxable year of the acquiring corporation may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X Corporation and Y Corporation were organized on January 1, 1971, and each corporation files its return on the calendar year basis. On December 31, 1972, X transfers all its assets to Y in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. X's credit earned and its limitation based on amount of tax for its taxable years 1971 and 1972 are as follows:

X Corporation's taxable year	Credit earned	Limitation based on amount of tax
1971	$10,000	$5,000
1972	5,000	3,000

Y's credit earned and its limitation based on amount of tax for its taxable years 1971 through 1973 are as follows:

Y Corporation's	Credit earned	Limitation based on amount of tax
1971	$6,000	$5,000
1972	5,000	3,000
1973	3,000	10,000

The sequence for the allowance of unused credits of X Corporation and Y Corporation, and the computation of the carryovers to Y Corporation's calendar year 1974, may be illustrated as follows:

(1) *X Corporation's 1971 unused credit.*—The carryover to Y 1974 is $0, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$5,000
Excess of X's 1972 limitation based on tax over credit earned	0
Carryover to Y's year 1973	5,000
Excess of Y's 1973 limitation based on tax over credit earned	7,000
Carryover to Y's year 1974	0

(2) *Y Corporation's 1971 unused credit.*—The carryover to Y 1974 is $0, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$1,000
Excess of Y's 1972 limitation based on tax over credit earned	0
Carryover to Y's year 1973	1,000
Excess of Y's 1973 limitation based on tax over credit earned	7,000
Less: X's $5,000 carryover from 1971	5,000
	2,000
Carryover to Y's year 1974	0

(3) *X Corporation's 1972 unused credit.*—The carryover to Y 1974 is $1,000, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$2,000
Excess of Y's 1973 limitation based on tax over credit earned	7,000
Less: X's $5,000 carryover from 1971 and Y's $1,000 carryover from 1971	6,000
	1,000
Carryover to Y's year 1974	1,000

(4) *Y Corporation's 1972 unused credit.*—The carryover to Y 1974 is $2,000, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$2,000
Excess of Y's 1973 limitation based on tax over credit earned	7,000

Less: X's $5,000 carryover from 1971 Y's $1,000 carryover from 1971 and X's $1,000 carryover from 1972	7,000
	0
Carryover to Y's year 1974	2,000

(5) The aggregate of the investment credit carryovers to Y's year 1974 is $3,000, computed as follows:

X's 1972 unused credit	$1,000
Y's 1972 unused credit	2,000
Total	3,000

(e) *Computation of carryovers when date of distribution or transfer is not on last day of acquiring corporation's taxable year.* (1) If the date of distribution or transfer occurs on any day other than the last day of a taxable year of the acquiring corporation, the amount which may be added to the amount allowable as a credit by section 38 for the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of distribution or transfer (hereinafter called the "year of acquisition") shall be determined in the following manner. The year of acquisition shall be considered as though it were 2 taxable years. The first of such 2 taxable years shall be referred to in this paragraph as the preacquisition part year and shall begin with the beginning of the year of acquisition and end with the close of the date of distribution or transfer. The second of such 2 taxable years shall be referred to in this paragraph as the postacquisition part year and shall begin with the day following the date of distribution or transfer and shall end with the close of the year of acquisition.

(2) The excess limitation for the year of acquisition (i.e., the excess of the limitation based on the amount of tax for such year over the amount of credit earned for such year) shall be divided between the preacquisition part year and the postacquisition part year in proportion to the number of days in each. Thus, if in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies Y Corporation, a calendar year taxpayer, acquires the assets of X Corporation on June 30, 1975, and Y Corporation has an excess limitation of $36,500 for its calendar year 1975, then the excess limitation for the preacquisition part year would be $18,100 ($36,500×181/365) and the excess limitation for the postacquisition part year would be $18,400 ($36,500×184/365).

(3) An unused credit of the acquiring corporation shall be carried to and applied against the excess limitation for the preacquisition part year and then carried to and applied against the excess limitation for the postacquisition part year, whereas an unused credit of the distributor or transferor corporation shall not be carried to the preacquisition part year but shall only be carried to and applied against the excess limitation for the postacquisition part year. For special rule relating to carryovers from taxable years ending before January 1, 1971, to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1970, see subparagraph (6) of this paragraph.

(4) Though considered as two separate taxable years for purposes of this paragraph, the preacquisition part year and the postacquisition part year are treated as one taxable year in determining the years to which an unused credit is carried under section 46(b)(1).

(5) The preceding subparagraphs may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X Corporation and Y Corporation were organized on January 1, 1971, and each corporation files its return on the calendar year basis. On May 1, 1972, X transfers all its assets to Y in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. X's credit earned and its limitation based on amount of tax for its taxable years 1971 and ending May 1, 1972, are as follows:

X Corporation's taxable year	Credit earned	Limitation based on amount of tax
1971	$11,000	$5,000
Ending 5-1-72	3,000	6,000

Y's credit earned and its limitation based on amount of tax for its taxable years 1971 and 1972 are as follows:

Y Corporation's taxable year	Credit earned	Limitation based on amount of tax
1971	$7,000	$3,000
1972	3,000	9,000

The sequence for the allowance of unused credits of X Corporation and Y Corporation, and the computation of carryovers to Y Corporation's calendar year 1973, may be illustrated as follows:

(i) *X Corporation's 1971 unused credit.* The carryover to Y 1973 is $0, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$6,000
Excess of X's 5-1-72 limitation based on tax over credit earned	3,000
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year 1972	3,000
Excess limitation for Y's postacquisition part year ($6,000× 244/366)	4,000
Carryover to Y's year 1973	0

(ii) *Y Corporation's 1971 unused credit.* The carryover to Y 1973 is $1,000, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$4,000
Excess limitation for Y's preacquisition part year ($6,000×122/ 366)	2,000
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year	2,000
Excess limitation for Y's postacquisition part year ($6,000× 244/366)	4,000
Less: X's $3,000 carryover from 1971	3,000
	1,000
Carryover to Y's year 1973	1,000

(iii) The aggregate of the investment credit carryovers to Y's year 1973 is $1,000, computed as follows:

X's 1971 unused credit	0
Y's 1971 unused credit	$1,000
Total	1,000

(6) If the year of acquisition is a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1970, and if there is an unused credit of the distributor or transferor corporation or of the acquiring corporation arising in an unused credit year ending before January 1, 1971, which may be carried to such year of acquisition (see paragraph (c)(4) of this section), then in applying subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this paragraph, in lieu of dividing the excess limitation for the year of acquisition between the preacquisition and postacquisition part years, only the limitation based on the amount of tax for such year (i.e., without reduction for the credit earned) shall be divided between the preacquisition and postacquisition part years. If there is also an unused credit arising in an unused credit year ending after December 31, 1970, which may be carried to the year of acquisition, then for the purpose of determining the amount of such unused credit which may be taken into account for such year of acquisition, the credit earned for the year of acquisition shall first be applied against the limitation based on amount of tax for the preacquisition part year (reduced by any investment credit carryovers to such part year from unused credit years ending before January 1, 1971) and the excess, if any, shall then be applied against the limitation based on amount of tax for the postacquisition part year (also reduced by any investment credit carryovers to such part year from unused credit years ending before January 1, 1971).

(7) Subparagraph (6) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X Corporation and Y Corporation were organized on January 1, 1970, and each corporation files its return on the calendar year basis. On May 1, 1972, X transfers all its assets to Y in a statutory merger to which section 361 applies. X's credit earned and its limitation based on amount of tax for its taxable years 1970, 1971, and ending May 1, 1972, are as follows:

X Corporation's taxable year	Credit earned	Limitation based on amount of tax
1970	$300	
1971	100	
Ending 5-1-72	200	

Y's credit earned and its limitation based on amount of tax for its taxable years 1970 through 1972 are as follows:

Y Corporation's taxable year	Credit earned	Limitation based on amount of tax
1970	$100	
1971	200	
1972	300	$900

The sequence for the allowance of unused credits of X Corporation and Y Corporation, and the computation of carryovers to Y Corporation's calendar year 1973, may be illustrated as follows:

(i) *X Corporation's 1970 unused credit.*—The carryover to Y 1973 is $0, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$300
X Corporation's 1971 limitation based on tax	0
X Corporation's 5-1-72 limitation based on tax	0
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year 1972	300
Limitation based on tax for Y's postacquisition part year 1972 ($900×244/366)	600
Carryover to Y's year 1973	0

(ii) *Y Corporation's 1970 unused credit.*—The carryover to Y 1973 is $0, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$100
Y Corporation's 1971 limitation based on tax	0
Carryover to Y's preacquisition part year 1972	100
Limitation based on tax for Y's preacquisition part year 1972 ($900×122/366)	300
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year 1972	0

(iii) *Y Corporation's credit earned for 1972.*—The carryover to Y 1973 is $0, computed as follows:

Credit earned	$300
Limitation based on tax for preacquisition part year 1972 ($900×122/366)	300
Less: Y's $100 carryover from 1970	100
	$200
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year 1972	100
Limitation based on tax for postacquisition part year 1972 ($900×244/366)	600
Less: X's $300 carryover from 1970	$300
	300
Carryover to Y's year 1973	0

(iv) *X Corporation's 1971 unused credit.*—The carryover to Y 1973 is $0, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$100
Excess of X's 1972 limitation based on tax over credit earned	0
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year 1972	100
Limitation based on tax for postacquisition part year 1972 ($900×244/366)	600
Less:	
X's $300 carryover from 1970	300
Y's 1972 credit earned for postacquisition part year	100
	400
	200
Carryover to Y's year 1973	0

(v) *Y Corporation's 1971 unused credit.*—The carryover to Y 1973 is $100, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$200
Limitation based on tax for preacquisition part year 1972 ($900×122/366)	300
Less:	
Y's $100 carryover from 1970	100
Y's 1972 credit earned for preacquisition part year 1972	200
	300
	0
Carryover to Y's postacquisition part year	200
Limitation based on tax for postacquisition part year 1972 ($900×244/366)	600
Less:	
X's $300 carryover from 1970	300
Y's 1972 credit earned for postacquisition part year 1972	100
X's $100 carryover from 1971	100
	500
	100
Carryover to Y's year 1973	100

(vi) *X Corporation's 5-1-72 unused credit.*— The carryover to Y 1973 is $200, computed as follows:

Unused credit	$200
Limitation based on tax for postacquisition part year 1972 ($900×244/366)	600
Less:	
X's $300 carryover from 1970	300
Y's 1972 credit earned for postacquisition part year 1972	100
X's $100 carryover from 1971, and Y's $100 carryover from 1971	200
	600
	0
Carryover to Y's year 1973	200

(vii) The aggregate of the investment credit carryovers to Y 1973 is $300, computed as follows:

Y's 1971 unused credit	$100
X's 1972 unused credit	200
Total	300

(8) If the year of acquisition is a taxable year to which the limitation provided in § 1.46-2(b)(2) (relating to 20-percent limitation on carryovers and carrybacks to certain taxable years)

applies, then for purposes of applying such limitation the preacquisition part year and the postacquisition part year shall each be considered a fractional part of a year, but, if the date of distribution or transfer is not on the last day of a month, the entire month in which the date of distribution or transfer occurs shall be considered as included in the preacquisition part year and no portion thereof shall be considered as included in the postacquisition part year.

(9) If the acquiring corporation succeeds to the investment credit carryovers of two or more distributor or transferor corporations on two or more dates of distribution or transfer during the same taxable year of the acquiring corporation, the manner in which the unused credits of the distributor or transferor corporations shall be applied shall be determined consistently with the rules prescribed in paragraph (c) of § 1.381(c)(1)-2.

(f) *Successive acquiring corporations.* An acquiring corporation which, in a distribution or transfer to which section 381(a) applies, acquires the assets of a distributor or transferor corporation which previously acquired the assets of another corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies, shall succeed to and take into account, subject to the conditions and limitations of § 1.46-2 and this section, the investment credit carryovers available to the first acquiring corporation under § 1.46-2 and this section.

(g) *Recomputation of credit allowed by section 38 on certain property of acquiring corporation.*—If section 38 property acquired by an acquiring corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies is disposed of, or otherwise ceases to be section 38 property (or becomes public utility property) with respect to the acquiring corporation, before the close of the estimated useful life which was taken into account in computing the distributor or transferor corporation's qualified investment, see paragraph (e) of § 1.47-3.

(h) *Electing small business corporation.* An unused credit of a distributor or transferor corporation arising in an unused credit year for which such corporation is not an electing small business corporation (as defined in section 1371(b)) may not be carried over in a transaction to which section 381 applies to a taxable year of the acquiring corporation for which such corporation is an electing small business corporation and may not be added to the amount allowable as a credit under section 38 to the shareholders of the acquiring corporation for such taxable year. However, in such a case, a taxable year for which the acquiring corporation is an electing small business corporation shall be counted as a taxable year for purposes of determining the taxable years to which such unused credit may be carried.

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§ 1.381(c)(24)-1 Work incentive program credit carryovers in certain corporate acquisitions.

The computation of carryovers and carrybacks of unused WIN credits in a transaction to which section 381 applies shall be made under the principles of § 1.381(c)(23)-1 (relating to the computation of carryovers and carrybacks of unused investment credits), except that the provisions of paragraph (c)(4) and paragraph (e)(6), (7), and (8) of such section shall not apply.

(Secs. 381(c)(23), 76 Stat. 971 (26 U.S.C. 381(c)(23), 381(c)(24)) 85 Stat. 557 (26 U.S.C. 381(c)(24)), 7805, 68A Stat. 917 (26 U.S.C. 7805))

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§ 1.381(c)(25)-1 Deficiency dividend of real estate investment trust.

(a) *Carryover requirement.* If a distributor or transferor corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies—

(1) Was a real estate investment trust (within the meaning of section 856, as in effect for the applicable taxable year) for any taxable year ending on or before the date of distribution or transfer, and

(2) A determination (as defined in section 859(c)) establishes that the transferor or distributor corporation is liable for the tax imposed by section 11(a), 56(a), 857(b)(1), 857(b)(3)(A), or 1201(a) for such taxable year,

then in determining the liability for such tax the deduction described in section 859 shall be allowed pursuant to section 381(c)(25) to such corporation for the amount of deficiency dividends paid by the acquiring corporation with respect to the distributor or transferor corporation. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of section 859 and the regulations thereunder apply with respect to a deficiency dividend deduction allowable pursuant to section 381(c)(25).

(b) *Deficiency dividends paid by the acquiring corporation with respect to the distributor or transferor corporation.* A deficiency dividend paid by the acquiring corporation with respect to the distributor or transferor corporation must be a distribution that would satisfy the definition of a deficiency dividend under section 859(d) if paid by the distributor or transferor corporation to its own shareholders. The distribution, however, shall be paid by the acquiring corporation to its own shareholders. The distribution also shall be paid after the date of distribution or transfer and on, or within 90 days after, the date of the determination but before the acquiring corporation files a claim under paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Claim for deduction.* A claim for deduction under this section shall be made by the acquiring corporation on form 976 and shall be filed within 120 days after the date of the determination. The form shall contain, or be accompanied by, the information required under paragraph (b)(2) of § 1.859-2 in sufficient detail to properly identify the facts with respect to the distributor or transferor corporation and the acquiring corporation. The required certified copy of the resolution authorizing the payment of the dividend shall be that of the trustees, board of directors, or other authority, of the acquiring corporation. Necessary changes may be made in form 976 in order to carry out the provisions of this paragraph. The claim shall be filed with the district director, or director of the internal revenue service center, with whom the return of the distributor or transferor corporation to which the claim relates was filed.

(d) *Effect on dividends paid deduction.* A deficiency dividend paid by the acquiring corporation that is allowable as a deduction to a distributor or transferor corporation pursuant to section 381(c)(25) shall not become a part of the dividends paid deduction of the acquiring corporation under section 561 for any taxable year.

(e) *Successive transactions to which section 381(a) applies.* The provisions of this section shall apply in the case of successive transactions to which section 381(a) applies. Thus, if X corporation transfers its assets to Y corporation in a transaction to which section 381(a) applies and if Y corporation transfers its assets to Z corporation in a subsequent transaction to which section 381(a) applies, then, subject to the provisions of this section, X corporation may take a deficiency dividend deduction for the amount of deficiency dividends paid by Z corporation with respect to X corporation.

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§ 1.381(d)-1 Operations loss carryovers of life insurance companies.

For the application of part V, subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code to operations loss carryovers of life insurance companies, see section 812(f) and § 1.812-7 and section 381(c)(22) and § 1.381(c)(22)-1.

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§ 1.382(a)-1 Purchase of a corporation and change in its trade or business.

(a) *In general.* (1) Section 382(a) provides for the complete elimination of the net operating loss carryovers of a corporation (here-inafter called a "loss corporation") if certain circumstances exist. In general, section 382(a) applies only if, at the end of a loss corporation's taxable year, there has been a change (occurring in specified ways) since the beginning of such year, or since the beginning of the prior taxable year, of at least 50 percent in the ownership of the corporation's outstanding stock (hereinafter called a "change of ownership"), and only if the corporation has not continued to carry on substantially the same trade or business as that conducted before such change. If section 382(a) is applicable at the end of a taxable year, then the entire net operating loss carryovers from prior taxable years of such corporation are excluded in computing the net operating loss deduction for such taxable year and for subsequent taxable years.

(2) For purposes of this section, (i) section 318(a) shall apply in determining ownership of stock, except that section 318(a)(2)(C) and (3)(C) shall be applied without regard to the 50-percent limitation contained therein, and (ii) stock acquired by the exercise of an option shall be considered as having been acquired on the date the option was acquired. Thus, if A acquires on December 15, 1959, an option to purchase 50 percent of the outstanding stock of X Corporation and if A acquires the stock by exercising the option on January 15, 1961, A will be considered as having purchased the stock on December 15, 1959.

(3) For the definition of the term "stock" as used in this section, see § 1.382(c)-1.

(b) *Circumstances under which section 382(a) is applicable.* Section 382(a) applies if, at the end of a taxable year of a loss corporation, all of the following circumstances exist:

(1) Any one or more of those persons described in paragraph (c) of this section own, actually and constructively, a percentage of the total fair market value of the outstanding stock of such corporation which is at least 50 percentage points more than such person or persons owned at the beginning of such taxable year or at the beginning of the prior taxable year;

(2) The increase in percentage points referred to in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph is attributable to (i) a purchase or purchases (as defined in section 382(a)(4) and paragraph (e) of this section) by the person or persons specified in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph of such stock or the stock of another corporation owning stock in such loss corporation, (ii) the purchase or purchases by such person or persons of an interest in a partnership or trust owning stock in such loss corporation, (iii) a decrease in the amount of outstanding stock of such loss corporation or in the amount of outstanding stock of another corporation owning stock in such loss corporation, except a decrease resulting from a redemption to pay death taxes to which section 303 applies, or (iv) a combination of the transactions described in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subparagraph; and

(3) The loss corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before any increase in percentage points described in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph.

(c) *Description of person or persons.* (1) The persons specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall be the 10 persons who own, actually and constructively, the greatest percentage of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of a loss corporation at the end of a taxable year (or such lesser number as there are persons owning the outstanding stock at the end of such taxable year), except that if any two or more persons own the same percentage of such stock and it is necessary to include one such person in order to select the 10 persons, then all of such persons shall be included. Any such persons so selected who are so related that stock owned by one is attributed to another under the constructive ownership rule specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section shall be considered as only one person solely for the purpose of selecting such 10 persons. Although considered as one person for purposes of selecting such 10 persons, such related persons are considered as separate persons for all other purposes of section 382(a).

(2) In selecting the 10 persons (more or less) described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, the following procedure shall be used:

(i) First, determine those persons who own, actually and constructively, stock of the loss corporation and determine the fair market value of the stock owned, actually and constructively by such persons.

(ii) Second, select from such persons the number of persons required by the first sentence of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

(iii) Third, if any of the persons so selected are so related that stock of one is attributed to another under the rule specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, such persons shall be considered as one person.

(iv) Fourth, if, as the result of considering two or more persons as one person, the number of persons previously selected drops below ten, additional persons shall be selected in the manner prescribed in subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph.

(v) Finally, if any such additional persons are related under the rule specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section to persons previously selected, or to one another, then the principles of subdivisions (iii) and (iv) of this subparagraph shall again be applied.

(3) The application of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. (i) Assume that the outstanding stock of a loss corporation (based on fair market value) is owned, actually and constructively, at the end of a taxable year by the following individuals and partnership:

Person	Percentage of stock actually owned	Percentage of stock owned actually and constructively
A	15	15
B (A's wife)	0	15
C (A's son)	0	15
D (A's daughter)	0	15
GH (a partnership)	0	20
E	16	20
F	15	15
G (a 50-percent partner in GH)	10	15
H (a 50-percent partner in GH)	10	15
I	5	5
J	5	5
K	5	5
L (E's grandson)	4	4
M	4	4
N	3	3
O	2	2
P	2	2
Q	2	2
R	2	2

(ii) The persons selected under subparagraph (2)(ii) of this paragraph are the following 12 persons: A, B, C, D, partnership GH, E, F, G, H, I, J, and K (I, J, and K must all be included because each owns the same percentage of stock). However, A, B, C, and D are considered as one person for purposes of this paragraph because they are related under the rule specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, and G, H, and partnership GH are considered as one person for the same reason. Therefore, it is necessary to select three additional persons, L, M, and N, in order to reach the required number of ten. However, since L is related to one of the persons previously selected, he cannot be considered a separate person. It therefore becomes necessary to select an additional person and since O, P, Q, and R each owns the same percentage of stock, they all must be selected. Accordingly, the 10 persons (more or less) who own the greatest percentage of the fair market value of the outstanding stock are individuals A through R and partnership GH.

(d) *Change of ownership.* (1) The determination of whether a change of ownership has occurred under section 382(a) is made as of the close of a taxable year of a loss corporation. A "change of ownership" has occurred only if the stock ownership of the 10 persons (more or less) selected under paragraph (c) of this section has increased at least 50 percentage points during a prescribed period and such increase is attributable to a transaction or transactions described in section 382(a)(1)(B) and in paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of this section. The aggregate increase of at least 50 percentage points may occur at any one time during the taxable year or during the prior taxable year, or may take place in several transactions occurring during such 2-year period. An increase of 50 percentage points is not the same thing as an increase of 50 percent. Thus, a stockholder who owns 4 percent of the fair market value of the stock of a corporation and who increases his ownership to 6 percent has had a 50-percent increase in ownership but an increase in percentage points of only 2.

(2)(i) It is unnecessary to determine whether a "change of ownership" has occurred unless, as of the end of any taxable year (hereinafter called a "current taxable year"), the loss corporation has changed its trade or business after the date of the first increase in percentage points during such taxable year, or during the prior taxable year, which would be taken into account under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph in determining whether a "change of ownership" has occurred.

(ii) If, as of the end of the current taxable year, the loss corporation has changed its trade or business after the date of the first increase in percentage points during such current year, then in determining whether a "change of ownership" has occurred it is first necessary to compare ownership of the outstanding stock at the end of the current taxable year with such ownership at the beginning of such current taxable year. If a "change of ownership" has not occurred as a result of such comparison, then it is necessary to compare ownership of the outstanding stock at the end of the current taxable year with such ownership at the beginning of the prior taxable year.

(iii) If, as of the end of the current taxable year, the loss corporation has not changed its trade or business after the date of the first increase in percentage points during such current year, but the corporation has changed its trade or business after the date of the first increase in percentage points during the prior taxable year, then in determining whether a "change of ownership" has occurred it is necessary to compare ownership of the outstanding stock at the end of the current taxable year with such ownership at the beginning of the prior taxable year.

(iv) For purposes of subdivisions (ii) and (iii) of this subparagraph, an increase in percentage points means only an increase in percentage ownership which would be taken into account under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph in determining whether a "change of ownership" has occurred.

(v) A loss corporation has changed its trade or business during a period between one date and another date only if, as of the later date, the corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted immediately before the earlier date. See paragraph (h) of this section for rules relating to change in trade or business.

(3) In determining whether a "change of ownership" has occurred, the following procedure shall be used:

(i) First, as of the close of a taxable year, the percentage of the total fair market value of stock owned, actually and constructively, by each of the 10 persons (more or less) selected under paragraph (c) of this section shall be computed. For this purpose, each person included in selecting such 10 persons shall be treated as a separate person even though any such persons are considered as only one person under such paragraph (c) in selecting the 10 persons who own the greatest percentage of the fair market value of the outstanding stock.

(ii) Second, the percentage of the total fair market value of stock owned, actually and constructively, by each of such persons as of the beginning of the current taxable year or the prior taxable year, whichever is applicable, shall be computed.

(iii) Third, after computing the percentage of the total fair market value of stock owned by each of the persons as of the close of the current taxable year and as of the beginning of the applicable year, a comparison shall be made between the percentages owned by each such person as of each such date.

(iv) Fourth, with respect to each person who sustained an increase in percentage ownership, the portion of such increase which is attributable to a transaction or transactions described in paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of this section shall be determined.

(v) Finally, the increases in percentage ownership attributable to such transaction or transactions shall be totaled and the resulting figure shall be used in determining whether a "change of ownership" has occurred.

(4) This paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Assume that a loss corporation has changed its trade or business during the current taxable year ending on December 31, 1960. Assume further that the following table shows the percentage of the fair market value of the outstanding stock owned by each stockholder as of December 31, 1960, and the percentages owned by such stockholders as of January 1, 1960, and January 1, 1959. The percentage of stock actually owned is followed in parentheses by the percentage owned actually and constructively under section 318(a). It is assumed that all increases in actual ownership are attributable to a purchase or purchases of stock described in paragraph (e) of this section.

Stockholder	Dec. 31, 1960	Jan. 1, 1960	Jan. 1, 1959
	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)
A	10(23)	15(15)	15(15)
B (A's wife)	10(23)	0(15)	0(15)
C	10(25)	10(25)	0(0)
D (C's wife)	5(25)	5(25)	0(10)
E (son of C and D)	5(20)	5(20)	0(0)
F (daughter of C and D)	5(20)	5(20)	0(0)
G	10(10)	10(10)	0(0)
H	5(5)	0(0)	0(0)
I	5(5)	0(0)	0(0)
J	5(5)	0(0)	0(0)
K	5(5)	0(0)	0(0)
L	5(5)	5(5)	5(5)
M	4(4)	0(0)	0(0)
N	4(4)	0(0)	0(0)
O	3(3)	3(3)	3(3)
P	3(3)	3(3)	3(3)
Q	3(3)	3(3)	3(3)
R (grandson of A and B)	3(3)	0(0)	0(0)
(D's father)	0(15)	0(15)	10(10)

(i) The 10 persons (more or less) who own the greatest percentage of the fair market value of the outstanding stock on December 31, 1960 (as selected under paragraph (c) of this section), are A through N and S. Each of such persons is treated as a separate person in computing increases in percentage ownership.

(ii) A and B each owns, actually and constructively, 23 percent of the outstanding stock on December 31, 1960, 15 percent on January 1, 1960, and 15 percent on January 1, 1959. Therefore, as of December 31, 1960, A and B each has sustained an increase of 8 percentage points since January 1, 1960, and a similar increase since January 1, 1959. A's increase is not attributable to a purchase by him. B's increase, however, is attributable to a purchase by her of 10 percent of the outstanding stock. Therefore, B's increase of 8 percentage points is taken into account in determining whether a "change of ownership" has occurred.

(iii) C owns, actually and constructively, 25 percent of the outstanding stock on December 31, 1960, 25 percent on January 1, 1960, and none on January 1, 1959. Therefore, as of December 31, 1960, C has sustained no increase since January 1, 1960, but he has sustained an increase of 25 percentage points since January 1, 1959. Of this increase 10 percentage points are attributable to a purchase by C.

(iv) D owns, actually and constructively, 25 percent of the outstanding stock on December 31, 1960, 25 percent on January 1, 1960, and 10 percent on January 1, 1959. Therefore, as of December 31, 1960, D has sustained no increase since January 1, 1960, but she has sustained an increase of 15 percentage points since January 1, 1959. Of this increase 5 percentage points are attributable to a purchase by D.

(v) E and F each owns, actually and constructively, 20 percent of the outstanding stock on December 31, 1960, 20 percent on January 1, 1960, and none on January 1, 1959. Therefore, as of December 31, 1960, E and F each has sustained an increase of 20 percentage points since January 1, 1959, of which 5 percentage points in each case are attributable to a purchase.

(vi) G has sustained an increase of 10 percentage points since January 1, 1959, all of which are attributable to a purchase by G.

(vii) H, I, J, and K each has sustained an increase of 5 percentage points since January 1, 1960, and a similar increase since January 1, 1959, all of which are attributable to purchases.

(viii) L has sustained no increase in percentage points.

(ix) M and N each has sustained an increase of 4 percentage points since January 1, 1960, and a similar increase since January 1, 1959, all of which are attributable to purchases.

(x) S has sustained an increase of 5 percentage points since January 1, 1959, but the increase is not attributable to a purchase by S.

(xi) The aggregate increase in percentage ownership (attributable to purchases) since January 1, 1960, is 36 percentage points (8 points from B, 5 each from H, I, J, and K, and 4 each from M and N).

(xii) Since an aggregate increase (attributable to transactions described in paragraph (e)) in stock ownership of at least 50 percentage points has not occurred since January 1, 1960, the beginning of the taxable year, it is necessary to determine whether such an increase has occurred since January 1, 1959, the beginning of the prior taxable year. The aggregate increase in percentage ownership (attributable to purchases) since January 1, 1959, is 71 percentage points (8 from B, 10 each from C and G, 5 each from D, E, F, H, I, J, and K, and 4 each from M and N). Therefore, section 382(a) applies as of December 31, 1960, to eliminate any net operating loss carryovers from 1959 and earlier taxable years to 1960 and subsequent taxable years.

Example (2). Assume that a loss corporation has changed its trade or business during the current taxable year ending on December 31, 1960. Assume further that the following table shows the percentage of the fair market value of the outstanding stock owned by each stockholder as of December 31, 1960, and the percentages owned by such stockholders as of January 1, 1960. The percentage of stock actually owned is followed in parentheses by the percentage owned actually and constructively under section 318(a). It is assumed that all increases in actual ownership are attributable to a purchase or purchases of stock described in paragraph (e) of this section.

Stockholder	Dec. 31, 1960	Jan. 1, 1960
	(Percent)	(Percent)
Partnership A B	20(100)	0(40)
A (a 50-percent partner in A B)	40(70)	40(40)
B (a 50-percent partner in A B)	30(70)	0(20)
C (B's wife)	10(70)	0(20)

(i) Since there are less than 10 stockholders as of December 31, 1960, all of such stockholders are included among the persons who own the greatest percentage of stock.

(ii) Since partnership AB owns, actually and constructively, 100 percent of the outstanding stock on December 31, 1960, and 40 percent on January 1, 1960, AB has sustained an increase of 60 percentage points. Of this increase 20 percentage points are attributable to a purchase by AB.

(iii) A has sustained an increase of 30 percentage points, but none of such increase is attributable to a purchase by A.

(iv) B has sustained an increase of 50 percentage points, of which 30 are attributable to a purchase by B.

(v) C has sustained an increase of 50 percentage points, of which 10 are attributable to a purchase by C.

(vi) Since there has been an aggregate increase (attributable to transactions described in paragraph (e) of this section) of 60 percentage points since January 1, 1960, section 382(a) applies as of December 31, 1960, to eliminate any net operating loss carryovers from 1959 and earlier taxable years to 1960 and subsequent taxable years.

Example (3). (i) Assume that on June 15, 1959, A, an individual, purchases (within the meaning of section 382(a)(4) and paragraph (e) of this section) 100 percent of the outstanding stock of X Corporation, a loss corporation which makes its return on the basis of the calendar year. On June 30, 1959, A transfers such stock to Y Corporation, the entire outstanding stock of which is owned by A. During September 1959, the business of X Corporation is changed.

(ii) Since, as of December 31, 1959, A is considered under section 318(a) as owning 100 percent of the outstanding stock of X Corporation and he owned none of such stock on January 1, 1959, and since A's increase in percentage points is attributable to a purchase of such stock by him, section 382(a) applies as of December 31, 1959, to eliminate any net operating loss carryovers from 1958 and earlier taxable years to 1959 and subsequent taxable years.

(e) *Meaning of "purchase".* (1) In determining whether a "change of ownership" has occurred, an increase in stock ownership which is attributable to an acquisition of stock by the person sustaining the increase (whether the stock acquired is stock of the loss corporation or of a corporation owning stock in the loss corporation) shall be taken into account only if such increase is attributable to a purchase (or purchases) by such person, as defined in section 382(a)(4) and this paragraph. There is a "purchase" of stock only if—

(i) The basis of such stock is determined solely by reference to its cost to the acquirer thereof, and

(ii) Immediately before its acquisition the ownership of such stock would not be attributed to the acquirer by application of the constructive ownership rule of paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

For purposes of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph, if the basis of the stock is determined by reference to its basis in the hands of the transferor thereof or of another person, or by reference to the basis of property (other than cash or its equivalent) exchanged for such stock, then the basis of such stock is not determined solely by reference to its cost to the acquirer. Thus, an acquisition of stock by gift or bequest is not a purchase. However, if stock is received in a taxable exchange, its basis is considered to be determined solely by reference to its cost to the acquirer. Thus, if A owns a house which he exchanges for stock in a loss corporation, the basis of the stock is determined solely by reference to its cost to A. For purposes of subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph, if, immediately before any acquisition of stock, the acquirer would be considered under the constructive ownership rule of paragraph (a)(2) of this section as owning less than 100 percent of the stock owned by the transferor, then the acquirer shall be considered as owning, immediately before such acquisition, only that proportion of the stock so acquired as is equal to the proportion of the total stock owned by the transferor which the acquirer would be so considered as owning at such time. Thus, if A acquires stock from B, his wife, A has not made a "purchase" because all the stock so acquired would be considered as owned by A immediately before the acquisition. However, if C and D (who are otherwise unrelated) are equal partners in a partnership and if C acquires 50 shares of stock from D, only 25 of such shares will be considered as owned by C immediately before the acquisition.

(2) If a person acquires stock (or an interest in a partnership, trust, or estate) with a view to invoking the constructive ownership rule of paragraph (a)(2) of this section so that a later acquisition of stock by, or from, such person will not qualify as a "purchase" under section 382(a)(4), the earlier acquisition will be disregarded solely for the purpose of determining whether the later acquisition is a "purchase". Moreover, in determining whether an acquisition of stock is a "purchase" under section 382(a)(4), negligible holdings of stock or of an interest in a partnership, trust, or estate will be disregarded. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. A owns all or part of the outstanding stock of X Corporation, a loss corporation. A desires to sell his stock to Y Corporation and Y Corporation desires to purchase such stock. However, Y Corporation wishes to avoid the provisions of section 382(a). Therefore, A buys stock of Y Corporation and thereafter Y Corporation acquires for cash all or part of A's stock in X Corporation. Since the purpose of A's acquisition of stock in Y Corporation is avoidance of the provisions of section 382(a), such acquisition is ignored and Y Corporation's acquisition from A of stock in X Corporation is considered a "purchase" under section 382(a)(4).

(f) *Increase in percentage points attributable to an indirect purchase of stock.* (1) An increase in percentage points may be attributable to a purchase of stock of a corporation which owns stock of the loss corporation. For example, if X Corporation owns 100 shares of stock of Y Corporation and if A purchases 20 percent in value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation, this will be considered a purchase by A of 20 shares of stock of Y Corporation.

(2) An increase in percentage points may also be attributable to a purchase of an interest in a partnership or trust which owns stock of the loss corporation. For example, if a partnership owns 100 shares of the stock of Y Corporation, a purchase by A of a 20-percent interest in the partnership will be considered a purchase by A of 20 shares of the stock of Y Corporation. Similarly, if a trust owns 100 shares of stock of a loss corporation, and if A purchases an interest in the trust which on an actuarial basis is worth 20 percent, this will be considered a purchase by A of 20 shares of stock of the loss corporation.

(g) *Increase in percentage points attributable to a decrease in outstanding stock.* (1) An increase in percentage points may be attributable to a decrease in the amount of outstanding stock of a loss corporation. For example, if A and B each owns 50 percent in value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation, a redemption by X Corporation of all of B's stock will increase A's ownership of stock by 50 percentage points.

(2) An increase in percentage points may also be attributable to a decrease in the outstanding stock of a corporation owning, directly or indirectly, stock in the loss corporation. For example, if X Corporation owns 100 percent of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation, a loss corporation, and if A and B each owns 50 percent of the value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation, a redemption by X Corporation of all of B's stock will increase A's indirect ownership of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation by 50 percentage points.

(3) If a decrease in the amount of outstanding stock of a corporation (whether a loss corporation or a corporation owning, directly or indirectly, stock in a loss corporation) results from a redemption to pay death taxes to which section 303 applies, such decrease shall not be taken into account in determining whether there has occurred an increase of at least 50 percentage points under paragraph (d) of this section. For purposes of the preceding sentence, a decrease in outstanding stock results from a redemption to which section 303 applies only to the extent that the amount distributed in redemption does not exceed

the sum of the items described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 303(a). Thus, if the amount of $100,000 is distributed in redemption of 100 shares and if the sum of the items described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 303(a) is $60,000, a decrease in outstanding stock of only 60 shares will be considered to result from a redemption to which section 303 applies.

(h) *Change in trade or business.* (1) The provisions of section 382(a) are applicable only if the loss corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before any increase in stock ownership which is taken into account in determining under paragraph (d) of this section whether a change of ownership has occurred. The change in trade or business may occur at any time on or after the date of the earliest such increase during the period beginning on the first day of the loss corporation's prior taxable year. For example, assume that on December 31, 1958 (the end of the corporation's taxable year), the following shareholders own a percentage of the fair market value of the outstanding stock which is greater than each owned at the beginning of the corporation's prior taxable year (January 1, 1957) and that all increases are attributable to purchases within the meaning of paragraph (e) of this section. The increase in percentage points and the date of purchase is shown for each such shareholder:

Shareholder	Increase (Percent)	Date of purchase
A	20	Sept. 15, 1958
B	20	June 15, 1958
C	10	Mar. 15, 1958
D	10	June 15, 1957

Since there have been increases in stock ownership which aggregate at least 50 percentage points, section 382(a) is applicable if the corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted immediately before June 15, 1957, the date on which the first purchase occurred during the 2-year period.

(2) Section 382(a) may apply as of the close of a taxable year even though neither a change of ownership nor a change in trade or business has occurred during such year. For example, if during 1958 there is a purchase of at least 50 percent of the fair market value of a corporation's outstanding stock followed by a change in the corporation's trade or business, section 382(a) will apply as of December 31, 1958, to eliminate any net operating loss carryovers from 1957 and prior taxable years to 1958 and subsequent taxable years, and, even though no changes in stock ownership occur during 1959, section 382(a) will also apply as of December 31, 1959, to eliminate any net operating loss carryover from 1958 to 1959 and subsequent taxable years.

(3) A change in the trade or business of a corporation made in contemplation of a change in stock ownership will be treated as if such change in trade or business had occurred after such change in stock ownership. For example, if a loss corporation changes its business as part of a plan initiated by, or on behalf of, prospective buyers of the loss corporation's stock who wish to avoid the provisions of section 382(a), a subsequent sale of stock to such buyers will cause the change in business to be treated as if it had occurred after the sale.

(4) For purposes of this paragraph, the holding, purchase, or sale for investment purposes of stock, securities, or similar property shall not be considered a trade or business unless such activities historically have constituted the primary activities of the corporation.

(5) In determining whether a corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before any increase in the ownership of its stock, all the facts and circumstances of the particular case shall be taken into account. Among the relevant factors to be taken into account are changes in the corporation's employees, plant, equipment, product, location, customers, and other items which are significant in determining whether there is, or is not, a continuity of the same business enterprise. These factors

shall be evaluated in the light of the general objective of section 382(a) to disallow net operating loss carryovers where there is a purchase of the stock of a corporation and its loss carryovers are used to offset gains of a business unrelated to that which produced the losses. However, the prohibited utilization of net operating loss carryovers to offset gains of a business unrelated to that which produced the losses is not dependent upon considerations of purpose, motive, or intent, but rather is established by the objective facts of the particular case. The principles set forth in this subparagraph shall be applied in accordance with the rules set forth in the following subparagraphs of this paragraph.

(6) A corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before any increase in the ownership of its stock if the corporation is not carrying on an active trade or business at the time of such increase in ownership. Thus, if the corporation is inactive at the time of such an increase and subsequently is reactivated in the same line of business as that originally conducted, the corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before such increase in stock ownership. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). X Corporation is engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling machinery. On January 1, 1958, the corporation suspends its manufacturing activities and begins to reduce its inventory of finished products because of general adverse business conditions and lack of profits. During the period between January 1 and September 1, 1958, the business of the corporation remains dormant. On September 1, 1958, A, an individual, purchases at least 50 percent in value of X Corporation's outstanding stock. On October 1, 1958, the corporation begins to manufacture the same type of machinery it manufactured before January 1, 1958. The reactivation of the corporation in the same line of business as that conducted before January 1, 1958, does not constitute the carrying on of a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before the increase in stock ownership.

Example (2). Y Corporation is engaged in the business of manufacturing machinery. On January 1, 1958, the corporation suspends its manufacturing activities because of a fire which disrupts the operation of its plant. During the period between January 1 and June 1, 1958, substantial efforts are made to reactivate the business of the corporation by reconstructing the damaged plant. On June 1, 1958, A, an individual, purchases at least 50 percent in value of Y Corporation's outstanding stock. On July 1, 1958, the corporation resumes its normal manufacturing activities. The fact that the corporation's normal activities are temporarily suspended at the time of the increase in ownership does not of itself constitute a failure to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before the increase in stock ownership.

(7) A corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before an increase in the ownership of its stock if the corporation discontinues more than a minor portion of its business carried on before such increase. In determining whether the discontinued activities are more than "minor" for purposes of the preceding sentence, consideration shall be given to whether the discontinuance of the activities has the effect of utilizing loss carryovers to offset gains of a business unrelated to that which produced the losses. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). X Corporation, a calendar-year taxpayer, is engaged in three separate businesses, A, B, and C. Approximately one-half of X Corporation's total business activities (measured in terms of capital invested, gross income, size of payroll, and similar factors) relates to business A, 30 percent to business B, and the remaining 20 percent to business C. On December 31, 1957, X Corporation has substantial net operating loss carryovers all of which are attributable to the operation of business C. On June 1, 1958, Y Corporation purchases at least 50 percent in value of X Corporation's outstanding stock and during 1959 X Corporation discontinues business C. As of December 31, 1959, X Corporation has not continued to carry on substantially the same trade or business as that conducted prior to the increase in ownership.

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that all of X Corporation's net operating loss carryovers are attributable to business A and that the capital released by the discontinuance of business C is used to revitalize business A. Since the discontinuance of business C does not result in the utilization of net operating losses attributable to one business to offset gains of a business unrelated to that which produced the losses, the discontinuance of such business does not of itself constitute the failure to carry on substantially the same trade or business as that conducted prior to the increase in ownership.

(8) If, after an increase in ownership, the corporation continues to carry on its prior business activities substantially undiminished, the addition by the corporation of a new trade or business does not constitute a failure to carry on substantially the same trade or business. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X Corporation, a calendar-year taxpayer, is engaged in the manufacture and sale of electrical appliances and has sustained substantial net operating losses. On June 30, 1958, Y Corporation purchases 100 percent of X Corporation's outstanding stock. During 1959, X Corporation continues substantially undiminished its activities in the manufacture and sale of electrical appliances and also diversifies its activities by acquiring a cement manufacturing plant. The addition of the cement manufacturing business by X Corporation does not of itself constitute a failure to carry on substantially the same trade or business even though net operating loss carryovers attributable to the electrical appliance business are used to offset profits of the cement manufacturing business. See, however, section 269 and the regulations thereunder.

(9) A corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before any increase in the ownership of its stock if the corporation changes the location of a major portion of its activities and as a result of such change in location the business of the corporation is substantially altered. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). X Corporation, a calendar-year taxpayer, is engaged in the business of manufacturing in State A and has sustained substantial net operating losses. On June 30, 1958, Y Corporation purchases all of X Corporation's outstanding stock. During 1959, X Corporation transfers its operations to State B which is several hundred miles distant from State A. In order to effect the change in location, X Corporation disposes of its plant and a large portion of its machinery located in State A. The distance between State A and State B makes it necessary for the majority of the employees of X Corporation to terminate their employment with X Corporation. During 1959, X Corporation resumes its manufacturing activities in State B and continues to make the same product and to serve substantially the same group of customers. However, by reason of the changes in location, employees, plant, and equipment, X Corporation, on December 31, 1959, is not carrying on substantially the same trade or business as that conducted prior to the increase in ownership.

Example (2). Y Corporation, a calendar-year taxpayer, is engaged in the operation of a department store in city A. On June 30, 1958, Z Corporation purchases all of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation. During 1959, Y Corporation transfers its operations to town B, a suburb of city A. By reason of the change in location, Y Corporation disposes of its interest in the building formerly occupied by it in city A and also substitutes new equipment for a major portion of the equipment formerly utilized by it in city A. After the change in location, Y Corporation continues to sell substantially the same products to substantially the same customers or to customers drawn from substantially the same area and retains substantially all of the employees formerly employed in city A. Under such circumstances, the change of location does not result in a failure to carry on substantially the same trade or business as that conducted before the increase in ownership.

Example (3). Z Corporation, a calendar-year taxpayer, operates a retail liquor store in town M, utilizing the services of 10 employees. On June 30, 1958, individual A purchases all of the stock of Z Corporation. During 1959, Z Corporation transfers its operations to town O, a distance of 5 miles from its former location. By reason of the change in location, Z Corporation disposes of its interest in the premises formerly occupied by it and also disposes of the license and franchise issued by town M. During 1959, Z Corporation transfers its inventory of liquor to its new location and resumes its retail liquor activities under a license and franchise issued by town O. Z Corporation continues to employ 5 of the 10 employees formerly employed in town M, but the corporation does not serve substantially the same customers or customers drawn from substantially the same area. Under these circumstances, the change of location results in a failure to carry on substantially the same trade or business as that conducted before the increase in ownership.

(10) A corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before any increase in the ownership of its stock if the corporation is primarily engaged in the rendition of

services by a particular individual or individuals and, after the increase in ownership, the corporation is primarily engaged in the rendition of services by different individuals. This subparagraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). X Corporation, a calendar-year taxpayer, is engaged in the business of selling real estate and insurance primarily through the services of individual A as broker. On June 30, 1958, individual B purchases all of the stock of X Corporation, and individual A retires from the business. During the latter part of 1958, X Corporation is engaged primarily in rendering the brokerage services of individual B in the sale of insurance and real estate. On December 31, 1958, the corporation has not continued to carry on a trade or business substantially the same as that conducted before the increase in ownership.

Example (2). Y Corporation, a calendar-year taxpayer, is engaged in the business of operating a beauty salon with 10 employees under the supervision of individual A, who owns all of the stock of Y Corporation and who is held out to the public as the corporation's principal beauty consultant. However, the quality of the services rendered by each of the 10 employees is primarily responsible for attracting the corporation's clientele. On June 30, 1958, individual B purchases all of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation and individual A retires from the business. During 1959, Y Corporation continues to operate the beauty salon in the same location and continues to serve substantially the same group of customers with substantially the same employees under the supervision of individual B, who is held out to the public as the corporation's principal beauty consultant. On December 31, 1959, Y Corporation has continued to carry on substantially the same trade or business as that conducted before the increase in ownership.

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§ 1.382(b)-1 Change of ownership as the result of a reorganization.

(a) *In general.* (1) Section 382(b)(1) provides that if, in the case of a reorganization described in section 381(a)(2), either the transferor corporation or the acquiring corporation has a net operating loss carryover which is a carryover to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer, the amount of such carryover which may be used by the acquiring corporation is reduced unless the stockholders (immediately before the reorganization) of the corporation possessing the carryover (hereinafter called the "loss corporation") own, immediately after the reorganization, at least 20 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of the acquiring corporation. See paragraph (b) of § 1.381(b)-1 for determination of the date of transfer, and paragraph (b) of this section for computation of the amount of the reduction.

(2) The ownership of at least 20 percent of the fair market value of the stock of the acquiring corporation after the reorganization must result from the ownership of stock in the loss corporation immediately before the reorganization. Thus, if stockholders of a transferor-loss corporation before the reorganization also own stock of the acquiring corporation at such time, such stock of the acquiring corporation is not considered as owned after the reorganization by such stockholders as a result of owning stock in the loss corporation in determining whether the 20-percent requirement is satisfied. Moreover, the stockholders (immediately before the reorganization) of a transferor-loss corporation shall not be regarded as owning, immediately after the reorganization, any stock of the acquiring corporation which is not distributed to such stockholders pursuant to the plan of reorganization.

(3) If the net operating loss carryovers of a loss corporation are reduced under section 382(b)(1), then in computing the net operating loss deduction of the acquiring corporation for its first taxable year ending after the date of transfer, that portion of such deduction which is attributable to the net operating loss carryovers of the loss corporation is limited to the amount of such carryovers minus the reduction. Thus, if the net operating loss carryovers of the loss corporation are $100,000 and if the amount of the reduction is $60,000, only $40,000 of such carryovers may be used by the acquiring corporation in computing its net operating loss deduction under section 172(a) for its first taxable year ending after the date of transfer. The reduction provided in section 382(b)(1)

is applied to the aggregate of the allowable net operating loss carryovers of the loss corporation without regard to the taxable years in which the net operating losses were sustained.

(4) See paragraph (e) of this section for the effect of the reduction in subsequent taxable years of the acquiring corporation.

(5) The reduction provided by section 382(b)(1) may apply to the carryovers of more than one corporation as party to the reorganization. For example, assume that X Corporation acquires the assets of Y Corporation and of Z Corporation in a reorganization described in section 381(a)(2) and that both X Corporation and Y Corporation have net operating loss carryovers at the date of the reorganization. The reduction under section 382(b)(1) will apply to the net operating loss carryovers of X Corporation unless the stockholders (immediately before the reorganization) of X Corporation own, immediately after the reorganization, at least 20 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation. Similarly, the reduction under section 382(b)(1) will apply to the net operating loss carryovers from Y Corporation unless the stockholders (immediately before the reorganization) of Y Corporation own, immediately after the reorganization, at least 20 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation.

(6) Section 382(b) applies only with respect to those reorganizations described in section 381(a)(2). However, a series of transactions which purport to be a reorganization qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(B) followed by a liquidation qualifying under section 332, but which in substance comprise a reorganization qualifying under section 368(a)(1)(C), will be considered as a reorganization of the last-described type for purposes of section 382(b) and this section.

(7) See § 1.382(c)-1 for definition of the term "stock" as used in this section.

(b) *Amount of reduction.* (1) The amount of the reduction provided in section 382(b)(1) shall be determined as follows:

(i) Determine the percentage of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of the acquiring corporation owned, immediately after the reorganization, by the stockholders (immediately before the reorganization) of the loss corporation, which is attributable to their ownership of stock in the loss corporation immediately before the reorganization.

(ii) If the percentage determined under subdivision (i) of this subparagraph is less than 20 percent, compute the difference between such percentage and 20 percent, and multiply such difference by five. The resulting product is the percentage by which the net operating loss carryovers are reduced.

(2) Subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. Assume that X Corporation acquires the assets of Y Corporation, a loss corporation, in a reorganization described in section 381(a)(2), and that immediately after the reorganization the former stockholders of Y Corporation, as the result of owning stock of Y Corporation, own 8 percent of the fair market value of X Corporation's outstanding stock. The difference between 8 percent and 20 percent is 12 percent, which when multiplied by five produces 60 percent. Therefore, the amount of the reduction is equal to 60 percent of the net operating loss carryovers from the loss corporation, so that if the net operating loss carryovers from Y Corporation amounted to $100,000, the amount of the reduction would be $60,000.

(c) *Acquisitions designed to avoid section 382(b).* The purpose of the 20-percent requirement of section 382(b)(1) is to ensure that the net operating loss carryovers from a corporation a party to a reorganization will be allowed in full only when the shareholders of the loss corporation have a substantial continuing interest in the acquiring corporation, thereby ensuring that the carryovers will be utilized to some extent for the benefit of those persons who were owners of the loss corporation before the reorganization. Therefore, in applying section 382(b)(1), any acquisition of stock of a loss corporation will be disregarded if made for the purpose of avoiding the 20-percent continuity of interest requirement. Moreover, two or more successive reorganizations will be treated as if they had occurred simultaneously in cases where they are undertaken with a view to avoiding the 20-percent continuity requirement. These rules may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Assume that X Corporation desires to merge into Y Corporation, a loss corporation, in a reorganization. A and B, who are the controlling stockholders of X Corporation, with a view to avoiding the 20-percent continuity of interest requirement of section 382(b)(1), acquire for cash 40 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation (or acquire an option to purchase such stock, which option they exercise shortly after the merger). Thereafter, Y Corporation acquires the assets of X Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. In determining whether the 20-percent continuity requirement is satisfied (and, if not, the amount of the reduction under section 382(b)(2)), the stock of Y Corporation purchased by A and B (or acquired upon their exercise of the option) will be considered as outstanding immediately after the reorganization but will not be considered as owned by persons who were stockholders of Y Corporation immediately before the reorganization.

Example (2). Assume that X Corporation, which has a net worth of $2,000,000, desires to acquire the assets of Y Corporation, a loss corporation, which has a net worth of $100,000. X Corporation also desires to acquire the assets of Z Corporation, which has a net worth of $400,000. With a view to avoiding the 20-percent continuity requirement, Z Corporation acquires the assets of Y Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. Immediately after the reorganization, the former stockholders of Y Corporation own 20 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of Z Corporation. Shortly thereafter, X Corporation acquires the assets of Z Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. Immediately after the reorganization, the former stockholders of Y Corporation own 4 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation. Under these circumstances, the application of section 382(b)(1) to the net operating loss carryovers of Y Corporation shall be determined by reference to the fair market value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation owned, immediately after the successive reorganizations, by the stockholders (immediately before the successive reorganizations) of Y Corporation. Therefore, the net operating loss carryovers from Y Corporation will be reduced by 80 percent.

(d) *Exception to application of section 382(b).* (1) Section 382(b)(3) provides an exception to the application of the reduction provided in section 382(b)(1). Under this exception there is no reduction if, immediately before the reorganization, the transferor corporation and the acquiring corporation are owned substantially by the same persons in the same proportion. If the acquiring corporation is not in existence immediately before the reorganization (as in the case of a statutory consolidation), the requirements of section 382(b)(3) are not met unless the transferor corporations immediately before the reorganization are owned substantially by the same persons in the same proportion.

(2) The transferor corporation and the acquiring corporation will be considered as owned substantially by the same persons in the same proportion only if the same persons own substantially all the stock of the corporations in substantially the same proportion. This rule may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). A and B each owns 50 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation. A owns 52 percent and B owns 48 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation. Y Corporation acquires the assets of X Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. The exception provided in section 382(b)(3) is applicable.

Example (2). A and B each owns 50 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation. A owns 60 percent and B owns 40 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation. Y Corporation acquires the assets of X Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. The exception provided in section 382(b)(3) is not applicable.

Example (3). A and B each owns 48 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation and of Y Corporation. C owns the remaining 4 percent of X Corporation and D owns the remaining 4 percent of Y Corporation. Y Corporation acquires the assets of X Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. The exception provided in section 382(b)(3) is applicable.

Example (4). A and B each owns 40 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation and of Y Corporation. C owns the remaining 20 percent of X Corporation and D owns the remaining 20 percent of Y Corporation. Y

Corporation acquires the assets of X Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. The exception provided in section 382(b)(3) is not applicable.

(3) If stock of the transferor or acquiring corporation is acquired or disposed of for the purpose of meeting the requirements of section 382(b)(3), then for purposes of such section such stock shall not be considered to be owned by the person who acquired it. For example, if A, owning 100 percent of the outstanding stock of X Corporation and 75 percent of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation, a loss corporation, acquires the remaining 25 percent of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation with a view to merging the two corporations, then for purposes of section 382(b)(3) such 25 percent shall not be considered to be owned by A.

(e) *Carryovers to subsequent years.* (1) The reduction provided in section 382(b)(1) applies only to net operating loss carryovers to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer. However, section 382(b)(4) contains a rule to ensure that the portion of the carryovers equal to the amount of the reduction will not be available for deduction in subsequent taxable years of the acquiring corporation. This rules provides that if a reduction is applicable under section 382(b)(1), then in computing net operating loss carryover from taxable years of the transferor and acquiring corporations ending on or before the date of transfer to taxable years of the acquiring corporation subsequent to the first taxable year ending after the date of transfer, the income of the acquiring corporation for such first taxable year, as computed under section 172(b)(2) (without regard to the fact that the deduction under section 172(a) is reduced by the amount computed under section 382(b)(2)), shall be increased by the amount of the reduction computed under section 382(b)(2) for that year. The preceding rule may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X Corporation and Y Corporation are organized on January 1, 1957, and each makes its return on the basis of the calendar year. On December 31, 1958, Y Corporation acquires the assets of X Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies. Immediately after the reorganization, those persons who were stockholders of X Corporation immediately before the reorganization own 10 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation. The net operating losses and the taxable income (computed without any net operating loss deduction) of the two corporations are as follows:

	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
Year:		
1957	($5,000)	($5,000)
1958	(15,000)	(1,000)
1959		5,000

The computation of the carryovers to Y Corporation's calendar year 1960 may be illustrated as follows:

(i) *X Corporation's 1957 loss.* The carryover to 1960 is $0, computed as follows:

Net operating loss			$5,000
Less:			
X's 1958 taxable income		0	
Y's 1959 taxable income before adjustment under section 382(b)(4)	$5,000		
Plus amount of reduction computed under section 382(b)(2) (50% of $20,000)	10,000		
		$15,000	15,000
Carryover to 1960			0

(ii) *Y Corporation's 1957 loss.* The carryover to 1960 is $0, computed as follows:

Net operating loss			$5,000
Less:			
Y's 1958 taxable income		0	
Y's 1959 taxable income before net operating loss deduction and adjustment under section 382(b)(4)	$5,000		
Minus Y's 1959 net operating loss deduction (i.e., X's 1957 carryover)	5,000		
Plus amount of reduction under section 382(b)(2)	10,000		
		$10,000	10,000
Carryover to 1960			0

		X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquirer)
(iii) *X Corporation's 1968 loss.* The carryover to 1960 is $10,000, computed as follows:			
Net operating loss			$15,000
Less:			
X's 1957 taxable income		0	
Y's 1959 taxable income before net operating loss deduction and adjustment under section 382(b)(4)	$5,000		
Minus Y's 1959 net operating loss deduction (i.e., X's 1957 carryover of $5,000 and Y's 1957 carryover of $5,000)	10,000		
Plus amount of reduction under section 382(b)(2)	10,000		
		$5,000	
			5,000
Carryover to 1960			10,000
(iv) *Y Corporation's 1958 loss.* The carryover to 1960 is $1,000, computed as follows:			
Net operating loss			$1,000
Less:			
Y's 1957 taxable income		0	
Y's 1959 taxable income before net operating loss deduction and adjustment under section 382(b)(4)	$5,000		
Minus Y's 1959 net operating loss deduction (i.e., X's 1957 carryover of $5,000, Y's 1957 carryover of $5,000, and X's 1958 carryover of $15,000)	25,000		
Plus amount of reduction under section 382(b)(2)	10,000		
		0	
			0
Carryover to 1960			1,000

(v) *Summary of carryovers to 1960.* The aggregate of the net operating loss carryovers to 1960 is $11,000, computed as follows:

X's 1958 loss	$10,000
Y's 1958 loss	1,000
Total	11,000

(2) If the date of transfer is on a day other than the last day of a taxable year of the acquiring corporation, and if the reduction provided in section 382(b)(1) applies to net operating loss carryovers of the transferor corporation, then for purposes of section 381(c)(1)(C), the adjustment provided in section 382(b)(4) shall be considered as an increase in income of the "postacquisition part year" and no portion of such adjustment shall be considered as an increase in income of the "preacquisition part year."

(f) *Attribution of ownership.* (1) Section 382(b)(5) provides a special rule for determining whether the reduction provided in section 382(b)(1) applies in cases where, immediately before the reorganization, either the transferor corporation or the acquiring corporation owns outstanding stock of the loss corporation. Under this rule, the transferor or acquiring corporation (whichever owns stock of the loss corporation) is treated as owning, immediately after the reorganization, a percentage, A, of the fair market value of the acquiring corporation's outstanding stock which bears the same ratio to B (the percentage of the fair market value of the stock of the loss corporation owned, immediately before the reorganization, by such transferor or acquiring corporation) as C (the fair market value of the outstanding stock of the loss corporation immediately before the reorganization) bears to D (the fair market value of the outstanding stock of the acquiring corporation immediately after the reorganization). Stated algebraically, the percentage of the fair market value of the acquiring corporation's outstanding stock treated as owned by the transferor or acquiring corporation immediately after the reorganization, A, equals—

Value of stock of loss corporation immediately before reorganization (C)/Value of stock of acquiring corporation immediately after reorganization (D)×Percentage of stock of loss corporation owned by transferor or acquiring corporation immediately before reorganization (B).

The preceding rule may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Assume that X Corporation owns 25 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation, a loss corporation; that X Corporation acquires the assets of Y Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies; that immediately before the reorganization the total outstanding stock of Y Corporation has a fair market value of $10,000; and that immediately after the reorganization the total outstanding stock of X Corporation has a fair market value of $50,000. For the purpose of determining whether the reduction provided in section 382(b)(1) is applicable (and, if so, the amount of the reduction computed under section 382(b)(2)), X Corporation is treated as owning (immediately after the reorganization) 5 percent of the fair market value of its outstanding stock, determined as follows:

[$10,000 (C)/$50,000 (D)]×25% (B)=5% (A)

Thus, if the other former stockholders of Y Corporation own, after the reorganization at least 15 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation as the result of owning stock in Y Corporation, there will be no reduction under section 382(b)(1).

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in example (1), except that Y Corporation acquires the assets of X Corporation in a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies and that immediately after the reorganization the total outstanding stock of Y Corporation has a fair market value of $50,000. The result is the same as that in example (1). X Corporation is treated as owning (immediately after the reorganization) 5 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation. Thus, there will be no reduction under section 382(b)(1) if those persons (other than X Corporation) who were stockholders of Y Corporation immediately before the reorganization own at least 15 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation immediately after the reorganization.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (5) of section 382(b) do not apply with respect to an interest in a loss corporation which is acquired for the purpose of avoiding the 20-percent continuity of interest requirement of section 382(b)(1). Thus, paragraph (5) of section 382(b) does not apply with respect to stock of a loss corporation which is acquired by another corporation with a view to causing a merger of the two corporations. For example, if X Corporation owns 15 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of Y Corporation, a loss corporation, and if X Corporation purchases an additional 15 percent with a view to causing a merger of the two corporations, paragraph (5) of section 382(b) applies only with respect to the stock previously held by X Corporation and not to the stock so purchased.

(g) *Stock of corporation controlling acquiring corporation.* (1) Section 382(b)(6) provides a special rule for determining whether the reduction provided in section 382(b)(1) applies in cases where the transferor corporation is a loss corporation and the former stockholders of the loss corporation own, as a result of the reorganization, stock in a corporation which controls (within the meaning of section 368(c)) the acquiring corporation. In such cases, the former stockholders of the loss corporation are treated as owning, after the reorganization, stock of the acquiring corporation equal in value to the fair market value of their stock in the controlling corporation. This rule may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. X Corporation owns 100 percent of the stock of Y Corporation. In a reorganization to which section 381(a) applies, Y Corporation acquires the assets of Z Corporation, a loss corporation, in exchange for stock of X Corporation. Immediately after the reorganization the total outstanding stock of Y Corporation has a fair market value of $50,000, and the stockholders (immediately before the reorganization) of the loss corporation own, as a result of the reorganization, stock of X Corporation having a fair market value of $20,000. For the purpose of determining whether the reduction provided in section 382(b)(1) is applicable (and, if so, the amount of the reduction computed under section 382(b)(2)), the former stockholders of the loss corporation are treated as owning stock of Y Corporation worth $20,000 (the value of their stock in X Corporation), which is 40 percent ($20,000 divided by $50,000) of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of the acquiring corporation.

(2) The 20-percent continuity of interest requirement of section 382(b)(1) applies with respect to an interest in the corporation desiring to utilize the net operating loss carryovers from the loss corporation. Thus, the provisions of section 382(b)(6) and of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph apply only if, at the time of the reorganization, it is intended that the acquiring corporation itself, and not the corporation

which controls the acquiring corporation, shall make use of the net operating loss carryovers from the loss corporation. Section 382(b)(6) and subparagraph (1) of this paragraph do not apply if the loss corporation is acquired by a controlled corporation with a view to the liquidation of the controlled corporation into its parent at a time when a substantial part of the net operation loss carryovers from the loss corporation remain to be utilized. (This requirement is satisfied in any case in which such action was contemplated at the time of the reorganization by those persons in a position to determine the policies of the controlled corporation.) In such case, it is the controlling corporation, instead of the controlled corporation, in which the former stockholders of the loss corporation must own a 20-percent interest. Thus, assume in the example appearing in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, that the total fair market value of the outstanding stock of X Corporation immediately after the reorganization is $200,000 and that X Corporation causes Y Corporation to be liquidated at a time when a substantial part of the loss carryovers from Z Corporation remain to be utilized. Under these circumstances, the former stockholders of the loss corporation would own after the reorganization only 10 percent ($20,000 divided by $200,000) of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of the controlling corporation and the net operating loss carryovers from Z Corporation to the first taxable year of Y Corporation ending after the date of transfer would accordingly be reduced by 50 percent.

(h) *Minimum tax for tax preferences.* For purposes of the tax imposed under section 56, the acquiring corporation succeeding to and taking into account any net operating loss carryovers of the transferor corporation shall also succeed to and take into account along with such net operating loss carryover any deferred tax liability under section 56(b) and the regulations thereunder attributable to such net operating loss carryover. Any reduction of net operating loss effected pursuant to section 382 and the regulations thereunder shall, for purposes of section 56(b) and the regulations thereunder and section 1.58-7, be deemed to reduce the portions of such net operating loss described in such provisions proportionately.

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§ 1.382(c)-1 Definition of stock.

Section 382(c) contains the definition of the term "stock" for purposes of section 382 (a) and (b). For these purposes, the term "stock" means all outstanding shares except nonvoting stock which is limited and preferred as to dividends.

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§ 1.382-2 Election of application of sections 382 and 383, as amended by the Tax Reform Act of 1976.

(a) *In general.* (1) An election may be made under this section to have sections 382(a) and 383 (as it relates to section 382(a)), as amended by the Tax Reform Act of 1976, apply with respect to transactions specified in section 382(a), as so amended, occurring—

(i) During the first taxable year beginning after June 30, 1978, of the loss corporation; and

(ii) Pursuant to a written binding contract or option entered into before September 27, 1978.

(2) An election may be made under this section to have sections 382(b) and 383 (as it relates to section 382(b)), as amended by the Tax Reform Act of 1976, apply with respect to any reorganization specified in section 382(b), as so amended, occurring—

(i) Pursuant to a plan adopted on or after January 1, 1978, and before the end of the first taxable year bebinning after June 30, 1978, of either the acquired or the acquiring corporation, whichever ends later; and

(ii) Pursuant to a written binding contract or option entered into before September 27, 1978.

(b) *Taxpayer making election.* (1) The election described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall be made by the loss corporation.

(2) In the case of a reorganization described in section 368(a)(1)(B), the

election described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section shall be made by the loss corporation. In the case of all other reorganizations specified in section 382(b), as amended, the election shall be made by the acquiring corporation, as defined in § 1.381(a)-1(b)(2).

(3) For rules in the case where the loss corporation becomes a member of an affiliated group of corporations which files a consolidated return, see paragraph (d) of this section.

(c) *Time and manner of making* (1)(i) Except as provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, the taxpayer shall make the election described in paragraph (a) of this section by making a written statement on its income tax return for the taxable year in which the transaction(s) or reorganization occurs. For the election to be valid, this return must be filed no later than the time prescribed by law (including extensions) for filing the return (hereafter "timely filed"). If the taxpayer takes a net operating loss deduction on this return, the statement shall be made on the schedule showing the compututation of this deduction. Otherwise, the statement shall be made on a separate sheet of paper physically atached to the return. The statement shall briefly describe the transaction(s) or reorganization involved, and indicate that the taxpayer elects to have section 382 (a) or (b) and section 383, as amended by the Tax Reform Act of 1976, apply with respect to such transaction(s) or reorganization.

(ii) If the taxpayer's return for the taxable year in which the transaction(s) or reorganization occurs is timely filed on or before November 26, 1979, and the election described in paragraph (a) of this section is made with that return, the election will be valid regardles of whether the election is made in the manner provided in paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section.

(2) If the taxpayer's return for the taxable year in which the transaction(s) or reorganization occurs was due before February 6, 1979, and the taxpayer made the election described in paragraph (a) of this section before February 6, 1979, the election is valid regardless of whether the election was made with the taxpayer's timely-filed return for that year.

(d) *Consolidated returns.* If the loss corporation becomes a member of an affiliated group of corporations which files a consolidated return for the taxable year in which the transaction(s) or reorganization occurs, the election described in paragraph (a) of this section may be made by the common parent. If this paragraph (d) applies, the election shall be made as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, treating the common parent as the taxpayer and the consolidated return for the taxable year in which the transaction(s) or reorganization occurs as the relevant income tax return.

(e) *Effect of election.* (1) Generally, a person who acquires more than one loss corporation during the period in which the effective dates of the amendments to sections 382 and 383, made by the Tax Reform Act of 1976, would be postponed by section 368(a) of the Revenue Act of 1978 may not choose to have the 1976 Act amendments apply with respect to some but not all of these acquisitions. Accordingly, if an election is made under paragraph (a) of this section, sections 382 and 383, as amended, shall apply with respect to all such acquisitions made by that person during this period.

(2) For purposes of this paragraphs, an acquisition means either of the following:

(i) An increase in ownership of the total fair market value of the outstanding stock of the loss corporation of 50 percentage points or more, during the period described in section 381(a), as amended, attributable to transactions described in that section. For purposes of this subdivision, "stock" means all shares except nonvoting stock which is limited and preferred as to dividends. In addition, as under section 382(a), a person's increase in stock ownership in the loss corporation shall be taken into account under this subdivision only to the extent the increase is reflected in that person's stock ownership on the last day of the corporation's taxable year.

(ii)A reorganization specified in section 382(b), as amended, in which the person, directly or indirectly, is the acquiring corporation.

[T.D. 7650, 44 FR 61593, Oct. 26, 1979]

§ 1.383-1 Special limitations on carryovers of unused investment credits, work incentive program credits, foreign taxes, and capital losses.

Section 383 provides that if the ownership and business of a corporation are changed in the manner described in section 382(a)(1) or, in the case of a reorganization specified in section 381(a)(2), if there is a change in ownership described in section 382(b)(1)(B), then the limitations provided in section 382 in such cases with respect to the carryover of net operating losses shall apply in the same manner, as provided under regulations prescribed by the Secretary or his delegate, with respect to any unused investment credit of the corporation which can otherwise be carried forward under section 46(b), to any unused work incentive program credit of the corporation which can otherwise be carried forward under section 50A(b), to any unused foreign taxes of the corporation which can otherwise be carried forward under section 904(d), and to any net capital loss of the corporation which can otherwise be carried forward under section 1212. Sections 1.383-2 and 1.383-3 are prescribed pursuant to the authority granted the Secretary or his delegate by section 383 to prescribe regulations governing the manner in which the limitations provided in section 382 shall apply with respect to the abovementioned items. For the election to apply sections 382 and 383, as amended by the Tax Reform Act of 1976, see § 382-2.

[T.D. 7343, 40 FR 1698, Jan. 9, 1975, as amended by T.D. 7650, 44 FR 61573, May 26, 1979]

§ 1.383-2 Purchase of a corporation and change in its trade or business.

(a) *In general.* If the ownership and business of a corporation are changed in the manner described in section 382(a) and the regulations thereunder, then the limitation applicable in such cases to the carryover of the net operating losses of such corporation shall also apply to the carryover of the unused investment credits of such corporation which could otherwise be carried forward under section 46(b), the unused work incentive program credits of such corporation which could otherwise be carried forward under section 50A(b), the unused foreign taxes of such corporation which could otherwise be carried forward under section 904(d), and the net capital losses of such corporation which could otherwise be carried forward under section 1212. Thus, if the limitation provided in section 382(a) is applicable at the end of a corporation's taxable year, then all investment credit carryovers, all work incentive program credit carryovers, all unused foreign tax carryovers, and all capital loss carryovers from prior taxable years of such corporation are excluded in computing tax liability for such taxable year and for subsequent taxable years.

(b) *Effective date.* (1) The limitation provided in this section shall apply only with respect to changes in ownership occurring after December 10, 1971, pursuant to a contract entered into on or after September 29, 1971.

(2) For purposes of applying section 382(a) in determining whether the limitation provided in this section applies, the beginning of the taxable years specified in clauses (i) and (ii) of section 382(a)(1)(A) shall be the beginning of such taxable years or December 10, 1971, whichever occurs later. Thus, if X Corporation made its returns for 1971 and 1972 on the basis of the calendar year, then in determining whether section 382(a) would apply as of December 31, 1971, the beginning of the taxable years specified in clauses (i) and (ii) of section 382(a)(1)(A) would be December 10, 1971, and in determining whether section 382(a) would apply as of December 31, 1972, the beginning of the taxable year specified in clause (i) of section 382(a)(1)(A) would be January 1, 1972, and the beginning of the taxable year specified in clause (ii) of section 382(a)(1)(A) would be December 10, 1971.

[T.D. 7343, 40 FR 1698, Jan. 9, 1975]

§ 1.383-3 Change in ownership as the result of a reorganization.

(a) *In general.* (1) If, in the case of a reorganization specified in section 381(a)(2), (i) the transferor corporation or the acquiring corporation has an unused investment credit, an unused work incentive program credit, an unused foreign tax or a net capital loss which may be carried forward to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer, and (ii) as a result of the reorganization there is a change in ownership of such corporation within the meaning of section 382(b)(1)(B), then the limitation applicable in such cases to the carryover of the net operating losses of such corporation shall apply in the manner provided in this section to the carryover of any unused investment credits, any unused work incentive program credits, any unused foreign taxes, and any net capital losses of such corporation. Thus, if the limitation provided in section 382(b)(1) would apply in such a case to the net operating loss carryovers of a corporation (whether or not such corporation has any such carryovers), a similar limitation, computed with the modifications provided in this paragraph, shall apply to the investment credit carryovers, to the work incentive program credit carryovers, to the foreign tax carryovers, and to the capital loss carryovers of such corporation.

(2)(i) If there is a change in ownership of a corporation within the meaning of section 382(b)(1)(B), then the amount of the reduction provided in section 382(b)(1) shall be determined with respect to the total carryovers of such corporation from taxable years ending on or before the date of transfer which may otherwise be carried to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after such date. In such a case, for purposes of computing carryovers of the transferor and acquiring corporations from taxable years ending on or before the date of transfer to taxable years of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer, the amount of the reduction shall be applied against the earliest carryover, whether a carryover of the transferor corporation or of the acquiring corporation, which may otherwise be carried to the acquiring corporation's first taxable year ending after the date of transfer, then against the next earliest carryover which may otherwise be carried to such first taxable year, etc. To the extent of the amount of the reduction, such carryovers shall be eliminated and shall not be included in computing the tota carryover to the acquiring corporation's first taxable year ending afte the date of transfer or to subsequen taxable years.

(ii) For purposes of this subparagraph, if the date of transfer is on day other than the last day of a ta able year of the acquiring corporatio then the amount of the reductic shall be applied only against the ca ryovers of the transferor corporatio or of the acquiring corporation whic may be carried to the acquiring corp ration's postacquisition part yea under the principles of § 1.381(c)(23 1(e) (relating to investment credit ca ryovers).

(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, a carryover from a taxable yea of the transferor corporation endin on or before the last day of a taxab year of the acquiring corporation shal be considered to be a carryover from a taxable yea of the acquiring corporation.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (a)(2) of this section may be illustrated by the following example dealing with the carryover of unused investment credit:

Example. X Corporation and Y Corporation are organized on January 1, 1970, and each makes its return on the basis of the calendar year. On December 31, 1972, Y acquires the assets of X in a reorganization described in section 381(a)(2). Immediately after the reorganization, those persons who were stockholders of X immediately before the reorganization, as the result of owning stock of X, own 10 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of Y, so that the investment credit carryovers of X as of the close of the date of transfer are reduced under section 382(b)(2) by 50 percent. The investment credit carryovers as of the close of the date of transfer of X Corporation and Y Corporation for taxable years 1970 through 1972 are as follows:

Taxable years	X Corporation (transferor)	Y Corporation (acquiring)
1970	$100	$100
1971	100	100
1972	500	200

For the first taxable year ending after the date of transfer, the acquiring corporation has an excess limitation of $500 (i.e., the excess of the limitation based on the amount of tax for such year over the amount of credit earned for such year). The computation of investment credit carryovers from prior taxable years of the transferor and acquiring corporations to the acquiring corporation's first taxable year ending after the date of transfer and to subsequent taxable years is as follows:

(i) The amount of the reduction computed under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph with respect to the investment credit carryovers from prior taxable years of X Corporation is $350 ($700 × 50%). One hundred dollars of such reduction is first applied against and eliminates X's $100 carryover from 1970; $100 of such reduction is applied against and eliminates Y's $100 carryover from 1970; $100 of such reduction is applied against and eliminates X's $100 carryover from 1971; the remaining $50 of such reduction is applied against Y's $100 carryover from 1971 and reduces such carryover to $50. After the reduction, the total carryover to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer is $750 (i.e., Y's $50 carryover from 1971, X's $500 carryover from 1972, and Y's $200 carryover from 1972).

(ii) Since the excess limitation for the acquiring corporation's first taxable year ending after the date of transfer is $500, Y's $50 carryover from 1971 and $450 of X's carryover from 1972 may be added to the amount of credit allowed by section 38 for such year. The total carryover to taxable years of the acquiring corporation subsequent to such first taxable year is $250 (i.e., the remainder of X's carryover from 1972, $50, plus Y's $200 carryover from 1972).

(b) *Special rules for foreign tax carryovers.* (1) The amount of unused foreign tax of a transferor corporation which may be carried to taxable years of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer shall be determined under the principles of section 381(c)(23) and the regulations thereunder (relating to the carryover of unused investment credit). Thus, to determine the amount of such carryovers as of the close of the date of transfer, and to integrate them with any carryovers and carrybacks of the acquiring corporation for purposes of determining the amount of credit allowed by section 901 to the acquiring corporation for taxable years ending after the date of transfer, it is necessary to apply the provisions of section 904(d) in accordance with the principles of section 381(c)(23) and the regulations thereunder.

(2) If the limitation provided in section 382(b)(1) applies to the carryover of unused foreign taxes of a corporation, then for purposes of computing the amount of the reduction under paragraph (a) of this section, the following rules shall apply. If all of the unused foreign tax carryovers from prior taxable years of the corporation are of the same origin, the amount of the reduction shall be determined by applying the percentage computed under section 382(b)(2) to the total of such carryovers. If the unused foreign tax carryovers from prior taxable years of the corporation are not of the same origin, that is, where one or more carryovers originated in taxable years to which the per-country limitation applied and one or more carryovers originated in taxable years to which the overall limitation applied, or where, even though all the carryovers originated in per-country limitation years, all of such carryovers are not attributable to taxes paid or accrued to the same foreign country or possession of the United States, the amount of the reduction shall be determined separately with respect to carryovers of the same origin. That is, the percentage computed under section 382(b)(2) shall be applied separately to the total of the carryovers originating in overall limitation years and separately to the total of the carryovers attributable to taxes paid or accrued to each particular country or United States possession in per-country limitation years. Thus, if a corporation has (as of the close of the date of transfer) total unused foreign tax carryovers of $200 attributable to taxes paid or accrued to country X and total unused foreign tax carryovers of $150 attributable to taxes paid or accrued to country Y from one or more taxable years to which the per-country limitation applied, and also has total unused foreign tax car-

ryovers of $100 from taxable years to which the overall limitation applied, and if the percentage computed under section 382(b)(2) is 50 percent, then the amount of reduction in carryovers attributable to taxes paid or accrued to country **X** is $100, the amount of reduction in carryovers attributable to taxes paid or accrued to country **Y** is $75, and the amount of reduction in carryovers from taxable years to which the overall limitation applied is $50.

(3) After having determined the reduction or reductions under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, it is necessary, for purposes of computing unused foreign tax carryovers of the transferor and acquiring corporations from taxable years ending on or before the date of transfer to taxable years of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer, to apply such reduction or reductions against the earliest carryover of the same origin, whether a carryover of the transferor corporation or of the acquiring corporation, which may otherwise be carried to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer, then against the next earliest carryover of the same origin which may otherwise be carried to such first taxable year, etc. To the extent of the amount of the reduction, such carryovers shall be eliminated and shall not be included in computing the total carryover to the acquiring corporation's first taxable year ending after the date of transfer or to subsequent taxable years.

(4) The provisions of subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. T, a domestic corporation, and S, a domestic corporation, are organized on January 1, 1970, and each makes its return on the basis of the calendar year. On December 31, 1972, S Corporation acquires the assets of T Corporation in a reorganization described in section 381(a)(2). Immediately after the reorganization, those persons who were stockholders of T Corporation immediately before the reorganization, as the result of owning stock of T, own 10 percent of the fair market value of the outstanding stock of S, so that T's foreign tax carryovers as of the close of the date of transfer are reduced by 50 percent. The unused foreign tax carryovers as of the close of the date of transfer of T Corporation and S Corporation for taxable years 1970 through 1972 are as follows:

Unused foreign tax carryovers from year(s) of Origin

Taxable year	T Corporation (transferor)	S Corporation (acquiring)
1970........	Per country: Country X—50 Country Y—100 Country Z—100	Per country: Country X—100. Country Y—50.
1971........	Per country: Country X—150 Country Y—100	Overall: Aggregate—50.
1972........	Overall: Aggregate—200	Overall: Aggregate—100.

For the first taxable year ending after the date of transfer, the acquiring corporation, which has elected the overall limitation, has an excess limitation of $200 (i.e., the excess of the limitation based on amount of tax for such year over the amount of credit earned for such year). The computation of unused foreign tax carryovers from prior taxable years of the transferor and acquiring corporations to the acquiring corporation's first taxable year ending after the date of transfer and to subsequent taxable years is as follows:

(i) *Unused foreign tax carryovers attributable to country X.* The amount of the reduction computed under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph with respect to the total unused foreign tax carryovers from prior taxable years of T Corporation attributable to taxes paid or accrued to country **X** is $100 ($200 × 50%). Fifty dollars of such reduction is applied against and eliminates T's $50 carryover from 1970. The remaining $50 of such reduction is then applied against S's $100 carryover from 1970 and reduces such carryover to $50. After the reduction, the total carryover to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer attributable to taxes paid or accrued to country **X** is $200 (i.e., S's $50 carryover from 1970 and T's $150 carryover from 1971). Since the acquiring corporation has elected the overall limitation for its first taxable year ending after the date of transfer, the carryovers attributable to country **X** from per-country limitation years may not be applied in such first taxable year and the total $200 is carried to the next succeeding taxable year.

(ii) *Unused foreign tax carryovers attributable to country Y.* The amount of the reduction computed under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph with respect to the total unused foreign tax carryovers from prior taxable years of T Corporation attributable to taxes paid or accrued to country Y is $100 ($200 × 50%). The total $100 reduction is applied against and eliminates T's carryover from 1970. After the reduction, the total carryover to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer attributable to taxes paid or accrued to country Y is $150 (i.e., S's $50 carryover from 1970 and T's $100 carryover from 1971). Since the acquiring corporation has elected the overall limitation for its first taxable year ending after the date of transfer, the carryovers attributable to country Y from per-country limitation years may not be applied in such first taxable year and the total $150 is carried to the next succeeding taxable year.

(iii) *Unused foreign tax carryovers attributable to country Z.* The amount of reduction computed under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph with respect to the total unused foreign tax carryovers from prior taxable years of T Corporation attributable to taxes paid or accrued to country Z is $50 ($100 × 50%). The total $50 reduction is applied against T's $100 carryover from 1970 and thus reduces such carryover to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer to $50. Since the acquiring corporation has elected the overall limitation for its first taxable year ending after the date of transfer, the carryover attributable to country Z from the per-country limitation year may not be applied in such first taxable year and the total $50 is carried to the next succeeding taxable year.

(iv) *Unused foreign tax carryovers from overall limitation years.* The amount of the reduction computed under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph with respect to the total unused foreign tax carryovers from prior taxable years of T Corporation to which the overall limitation applied is $100 ($200 × 50%). Fifty dollars of such reduction is applied against and eliminates S's $50 carryover from 1971 and the remaining $50 of such reduction is applied against T's $200 carryover from 1972 and reduces such carryover to $150. After the reduction, the total carryover to the first taxable year of the acquiring corporation ending after the date of transfer attributable to taxes paid or accrued in taxable years to which the overall limitation applied is $250 (i.e., T's $150 carryover from 1972 and S's $100 carryover from 1972). Since for such first taxable year the acquiring corporation has an excess limitation of $200 with respect to carryovers arising in overall limitation years, T's $150 carryover from 1972 and $50 of S's $100 carryover from 1972 may be added to the amount of credit allowed by section 901 for such year. The total carryover to taxable years of the acquiring corporation subsequent to such first taxable year attributable to taxes paid or accrued in overall limitation years is $50 (i.e., the remainder of S's carryover from 1972, $50).

(c) *Effective date.* (1) The limitation provided in this section shall apply only with respect to reorganizations occurring after December 10, 1971, pursuant to a plan of reorganization or a contract entered into on or after September 29, 1971.

(2) For purposes of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, a reorganization shall be considered to occur on the date of transfer as defined in section 381(b)(2) and § 1.381(b)-1(b).

(3) For purposes of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, a plan of reorganization or a contract shall be considered to have been entered into on the date on which the duly authorized representatives of the transferor and acquiring corporations enter into an agreement evidencing the plan of reorganization, or on the date on which the plan of reorganization is adopted by the shareholders of the transferor and acquiring corporations, whichever occurs earlier.

(Sec. 383, 85 Stat. 521 (26 U.S.C. 383); sec. 7805, 68A Stat. 917 (26 U.S.C. 7805) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954)

[T.D. 7343, 40 FR 1699, Jan. 9, 1975]

§ 1.385-1 Stock or indebtedness.

(a) *Effective date*—(1) *In general.* The regulations under section 385 apply to instruments (as defined in § 1.385-3(c)) and preferred stock issued after April 30, 1981, and to loans described in § 1.385-7 and guaranteed loans made after April 30, 1981.

(2) *Exceptions.* The regulations under section 385 do not apply to—

(i) Instruments issued pursuant to a plan of reorganization filed on or before December 29, 1980, in a proceeding under the Federal bankruptcy laws (Title 11, U.S.C.) or under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, or

(ii) Instruments, loans described in § 1.385-7, guaranteed loans, or preferred stock issued or made pursuant to a written contract which is binding on December 29, 1980, and at all times thereafter.

(b) *Scope*—(1) *In general.* The regulations under section 385 contain rules under which certain interests in corporations are treated as stock or indebtedness. All other interests (such as bank deposits, insurance policies, claims for wages, and trade accounts payable) are outside the scope of the regulations. Any interest outside the scope of the regulations will be treated as stock or indebtedness under applicable principles of law without reference to the regulations.

(2) *Similar distinctions.* Certain other sections of the Internal Revenue Code make distinctions that are similar to (but not the same as) the one between stock and indebtedness. Section 385 does not necessarily govern these distinctions. Thus, for example, an interest in an organization may be treated as indebtedness under section 385, but the net profits of the organization may, by reason of the indebtedness, inure to the benefit of the holder within the meaning of section 501(c). Similarly, section 385 does not affect the treatment of a loan as an ownership interest within the meaning of section 48(k)(1)(C) (relating to the investment credit for movies). See § 1.48-8(a)(4)(iii).

(c) *Authority.* Sections 1.385-1 through 1.385-10 are prescribed under the authority of section 385. In addition, certain provisions in these sections derive additional authority under section 7805, because they interpret other sections of the Internal Revenue Code, including section 301 (relating to distributions of property), section 1012 (relating to basis), and section 1232 (relating to original issue discount).

(d) *Table of terms.* The following table indicates where some important terms referred to in the section 385 regulations are defined.

Subject	§ 1.385-
Contingent payment	5(d)(1)
Debt-to-equity ratio	6(g)
Excessive debt	6(f)(2)
Failure to pay interest	6(k)(3)
Fair market value	3(b)
Fixed payments; interest	5(d)(2)
Fixed payments; principal	5(d)(3)
Hybrid instrument	3(e)
Independent creditor	6(b)
Instrument	3(c)
Obligation	3(d)
Reasonable rate of interest	6(e)
Straight debt instrument	3(f)

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§ 1.385-2 Summary.

(a) *Instruments issued proportionately*—(1) *Straight debt instruments.* Straight debt instruments (as defined in § 1.385-3(f)) issued proportionately to the issuing corporation's shareholders are ordinarily treated as indebtedness. Exceptions may apply where the issuing corporation has excessive debt (see § 1.385-6(f)), or where the instruments are not issued for money (see § 1.385-6(d)) or are payable on demand (see § 1.385-6(l)). Additionally, straight debt instruments initially treated as debt may be reclassified as stock where there is a failure to pay interest or principal when due (see § 1.385-6(k) and (l)(3)) or where there is a change in terms (see § 1.385-6(j)).

(2) *Hybrid instruments.* Hybrid instruments (*e.g.,* income bonds or convertible debentures) are treated as stock if they are issued proportionately (see § 1.385-6(c)).

(b) *Instruments not issued proportionately*—(1) *Straight debt instruments.* Straight debt instruments not issued proportionately are ordinarily treated as indebtedness.

(2) *Hybrid instruments.* Hybrid instruments not issued proportionately are treated as stock if their equity features are predominant (see § 1.385-5). Otherwise, they are generally treated in the same manner as straight debt instruments.

(c) *Ancillary rules*—(1) *In general.* In addition to the primary rules described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, the regulations under section 385 also contain a variety of significant ancillary rules. These rules are subordinate in the sense that they do not apply directly to treat any interest as stock or indebtedness. However, they are essential to the working of the regulations.

(2) *Adjustment of interest rate.* If instruments issued to shareholders do not carry a reasonable rate of interest, then a contribution to the capital of the corporation or a corporate distribution to the shareholder is imputed

under § 1.385-3(a). This ordinarily results in the creation of either orginal issue discount (see section 1232) or amortizable bond premium (see § 1.61-12(c)(2)). This result ensures that the holders take a reasonable amount into income as interest received, and that the issuing corporation takes a reasonable deduction for interest paid on the instruments each year.

(3) *Reasonable rate of interest.* Section 1.385-6(e) contains rules for determining whether a rate of interest is reasonable. These rules are significant—

(i) Where instruments are issued proportionately to shareholders other than in exchange for money (see § 1.385-6(d));

(ii) Where instruments are held proportionately and there is a change in terms (see § 1.385-6(j)) or nonpayment of principal (see § 1.385-6(l)(3));

(iii) Where instruments held proportionately are payable on demand (see § 1.385-6(l));

(iv) Where loans of money made to a corporation by persons other than independent creditors are not evidenced by an instrument (see § 1.385-7); and

(v) In determining the fair market value of an instrument (see § 1.385-3(b)(2)).

(4) *Debt-to-equity ratio.* Paragraphs (g) and (h) of § 1.385-6 contain rules for determining a corporation's debt-to-equity ratio. These rules are significant in determining—

(i) Whether a rate of interest is presumptively reasonable (see § 1.385-6(e)(2)); and

(ii) Whether a corporation has excessive debt (see § 1.385-6(f)).

(5) *Fair market value.* Section 1.385-3(b) contains rules for determining the fair market value of an instrument. These rules are significant in determining—

(i) Whether a contribution to capital or corporate distribution is imputed under § 1.385-3(a); and

(ii) Whether the equity features of a hybrid instrument are predominant (see § 1.385-5).

(d) *Safe harbor.* In general, the regulations under section 385 provide a safe harbor for a straight debt instrument (as defined in § 1.385-3(f)) issued by a corporation whenever all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) *Principal and interest.* The instrument has a fixed maturity date and provides for annual payments of interest at (i) the rate in effect under section 6621, (ii) the prime rate in effect at any local commercial bank, (iii) a rate determined from time to time by the Secretary taking into consideration the average yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturity, or (iv) any rate in between.

(2) *Debt-to-equity ratio.* The debt-to-equity ratio of the corporation does not exceed 1:1.

(3) *Paid when due.* All principal and interest on the instrument are paid when due.

If a straight debt instrument falls within the safe harbor, then it will be treated as indebtedness when issued, no original issue discount or bond premium will be imputed with respect to it, and (assuming its terms are not changed) it will not be subsequently reclassified as stock.

(e) *Other provisions*—(1) *Certain other loans.* Section 1.385-7 contains rules that apply to certain loans of money made to a corporation by persons other than independent creditors that are not evidenced by an instrument within six months after the day they are made.

(2) *Locked interests.* Section 1.385-8 contains rules that treat locked interests (such as a bond with a nondetachable warrant) as separate and distinct.

(3) *Guaranteed loans.* Section 1.385-9 contains rules that apply to loans made to a corporation and guaranteed by a shareholder. Under these rules, the loan may be treated as made to the shareholder, and the shareholder may be treated as making a contribution to the capital of the corporation.

(4) *Preferred stock.* Section 1.385-10 contains rules that could result in certain purported preferred stock being treated as indebtedness.

(f) *Cautionary note.* This section is merely a summary of the regulations under section 385, and is subject in all respects to the more complete rules contained in §§ 1.385-3 through 1.385-10.

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§ 1.385-3 Preliminary rules.

(a) *Excessive or inadequate consideration*—(1) *Excessive consideration.* If a corporation issues an instrument to a shareholder, then (whether the instrument is treated as stock or indebtedness) the excess of—

(i) The consideration paid, over

(ii) The fair market value of the instrument, is a contribution to capital.

(2) *Inadequate consideration.* (i) If a corporation issues an instrument to a shareholder and the instrument is treated as indebtedness, then the excess of—

(A) The fair market value of the instrument, over

(B) The consideration paid,

is a distribution to which section 301 applies. See § 1.301-1(d), (j) and (k).

(ii) If a corporation issues an instrument to a shareholder and the instrument is treated as stock, then the amount determined under paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section is treated as a distribution of stock to which section 305 applies.

(3) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (a) and related provisions:

Example (1). Corporation S is organized in 1985 for the purpose of constructing, owning, and operating a professional office building. Fifteen persons, all medical doctors, subscribe for the capital stock of S at $100 a share. On January 1, 1988, the doctors agree to advance $300 to S for each share of stock subscribed. These advances are represented by 19-year, 7-percent debentures in the principal amount of $300 each. Assume that the debentures are treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a) (relating to instruments generally), and that the fair market value of each debenture is $246. Based on these facts, $54 of each $300 advance is treated as a contribution to capital. Therefore, the doctors' basis in each debenture is $246, and there is an original issue discount of $54 on each debenture. See section 1232.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that the doctors pay $200 for each debenture. Based on these facts, the doctors are treated as receiving a $46 distribution to which section 301 applies on each share of stock. Therefore, the doctors' basis in each debenture is $246 (see § 1.301-1(j)), and there is an original issue discount of $54 on each debenture.

Example (3). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that the debentures bear interest at 9 percent a year. Assume that the fair market value of each 9-percent debenture is $300. Based on these facts, the doctors are not treated as making a contribution to capital or as receiving a distribution to which section 301 applies. Therefore, the doctors' basis in each debenture is $300, and there is no original issue discount on the debentures.

Example (4). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that S issues the debentures together with the capital stock in 1985, and the doctors pay $400 for each unit consisting of one debenture and one share of stock. Based on these facts, the doctors' basis in each debenture is $246 (see § 1.1012-1(d)), their basis in each share of stock is $154, and the original issue discount on each debenture is $54 (see § 1.1232-3(b)(2)(ii)).

Example (5). Individuals A and B each own ½ the common stock of corporation M, which is the only class of stock outstanding. On January 1, 1982, M issues two 12-percent $1,000 notes, one ot A and one to B, each for $1,000 in cash. Assume that the fair market value of each note is $1,250 and that the notes are treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a) (relating to instruments generally). Based on these facts, on January 1, 1982, A and B each receive a $250 distribution to which section 301 applies. Thus, each note has a basis of $1,250 and is issued at a premium of $250 (see section 171(b) and § 1.61-12(c)(2)).

Example (6). The facts are the same as in example (5), except that interest on the notes is payable only at the discretion of M's board of directors, and the notes are treated as preferred stock under § 1.385-6(c) (relating to hybrid instruments held proportionately). Based on these facts, on January 1, 1982, A and B each receive a $250 distribution of preferred stock on common stock.

(b) *Fair market value.* The following rules apply for purposes of the regulations under section 385:

(1) *In general.* (i) The fair market value of an instrument is the price at which it would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or to sell and both having reasonable knowledge of all relevant facts.

(ii) The fair market value of an instrument may be determined by using present value and standard bond tables. See § 1.1232-3(b)(2)(ii)(*d*) for examples in which the fair market values of instruments are determined by the use of these tables.

(iii) (A) In determining the fair market value of an instrument (or the reasonableness of an interest rate), the Commissioner may disregard a noncommercial term of the instrument if the principal purpose of the inclusion of the term is to increase or decrease the fair market value of the instrument (or a reasonable rate of interest for the instrument). See also section 482.

(B) The following example illustrates the application of this subdivision (iii):

Example. N, a nonresident alien of the United States and a resident of country Q is the sole shareholder of domestic corporation W. On January 1, 1987, W issues a $100,000, 28-percent debenture to N in exchange for $100,000. Under provision P of the debenture, an action to enforce the terms of the debenture can be maintained only in the village court of village V, located in Q. Assume that the principal purpose of the inclusion of provision P is to reduce the fair market value of the debenture. Based on these facts, the Commissioner may disregard provision P in determining the fair market value of the debenture.

(2) *Rules of convenience.* (i) On the day of issue, the fair market value of a straight debt instrument is considered to be equal to the face amount if—

(A) The stated annual rate of interest on the instrument is reasonable (within the meaning of § 1.385-6(e)), and

(B) The consideration paid for the instrument is equal to the face amount.

(ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph (b), if an instrument is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and sold to the public for money, then the fair market value of the instrument on the day of issue is the issue price (as defined in section 1232(b)(2)).

(3) *Examples.* The following examples illustrate the application of paragraph (b)(2) of this section:

Example (1). On March 1, 1985, corporation M issues a $1,000, 8-percent, 5-year note at par. Assume that on that date, 10 to 12 percent is the range of rates of interest paid to independent creditors on similar instruments issued by corporations of the same general size and in the same general industry, geographic location, and financial condition; that the rate of interest in effect under section 6621 is 6 percent; that the interest rate for 5-year obligations determined by the Secretary pursuant to § 1.385-6(e)(2)(i) is 7 percent; and that the prime rate at local commercial banks is 9 percent. Also assume that M's debt-to-equity ratio at the end of the taxable year is 1:2. Based on these facts, any rate between 6 and 12 percent is a reasonable rate of interest within the meaning of § 1.385-6(e). In particular, 8 percent is a reasonable rate of interest, and the fair market value of the note is therefore considered to be $1,000.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1) except that M's debt-to-equity ratio at the end of the taxable year is 2:1. Based on these facts, paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section does not apply.

Example (3). The facts are the same as in example (2) except that the note provides for annual payments of interest at a rate of 11 percent. Since 11 percent is within the range of rates of interest paid to independent creditors on similar instruments issued by corporations of the same general size and in the same general industry, geographic location, and financial condition, the fair market value of the note is considered to be $1,000.

(c) *Instrument.* The term "instrument" means any bond, note, debenture, or similar written evidence of an obligation.

(d) *Obligation.* The term "obligation" means an interest in a corporation that is treated as indebtedness under applicable nontax law.

(e) *Hybrid instrument.* The term "hybrid instrument" means an instrument that is convertible into stock or one (such as an income bond or a participating bond) that provides for any contingent payment to the holder (other than a call premium).

(f) *Straight debt instrument.* The term "straight debt instrument" means any instrument other than a hybrid instrument.

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§ 1.385-4 Instruments generally.

(a) *General rule.* Except as otherwise provided in the regulations under section 385, all instruments (as defined in

§ 1.385-3(c)) are treated as indebtedness for all purposes of the Internal Revenue Code. For exceptions, see § 1.385-5 (relating to certain hybrid instruments) and § 1.385-6 (relating to proportionality).

(b) *Operating rules*—(1) *In general.* The regulations under section 385 determine the status of each instrument (*i.e.,* as stock or indebtedness) at the time the instrument is issued. Except as provided in paragraphs (j), (k), and (l) of § 1.385-6 (relating to proportionality), the status of an instrument can never change. Thus, for example, the status of an instrument is not affected by a mere change in ownership.

(2) *Special rule.* Under § 1.385-6 (j), (k), and (l), the status of an instrument can change from indebtedness to stock (*e.g.,* in the event of a failure to pay interest when due).

(c) *Effect of classification*—(1) *In general.* (i) If an instrument is treated as stock under section 385, then the instrument is treated as preferred stock for all purposes of the Internal Revenue Code. In particular, all payments of "interest" on the instrument are treated as distributions to which section 301 applies, and all payments of "principal" are treated as distributions in redemption of stock. Such preferred stock is considered to have the same terms (*e.g.,* voting rights) as the instrument has under applicable local law. Each class of instruments classified as preferred stock is treated as a separate class of preferred stock. See § 1.1371-1 for the effect on an election made under Subchapter S. Also see § 1.992-1(d)(2) for an exception to this rule.

(ii) If an instrument becomes stock under § 1.385-6 (j), (k), or (l), then the instrument is treated as having been exchanged (without recognition of gain or loss) for preferred stock in a recapitalization to which section 368(a)(1)(E) applies.

(2) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (c):

Example (1). On January 1, 1982, corporation X issues a $100,000 note to A. The note is due on January 1, 1992, and pays interest at a rate of 10 percent a year. Assume that at first the note is treated as indebtedness under paragraph (a) of this section. However, on January 1, 1987, the note becomes stock under § 1.385-6(k) (relating to nonpayment of interest). A is treated as having exchanged the note for preferred stock on January 1, 1987, in a recapitalization to which section 368(a)(1)(E) applies. Moreover, A does not recognize gain or loss merely because the note is reclassified.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1). In addition, on July 1, 1988, A receives $15,000 in interest on the note. The entire $15,000 payment is treated as a distribution to which section 301 applies.

Example (3). Individuals B and C each own 50 percent of the stock of corporation Y. On January 1, 1990, Y distributes one convertible debenture each to B and C as a dividend. Assume that the convertible debentures are treated as stock under § 1.385-6(c) (relating to hybrid instruments). Also assume that Y has accumulated earnings and profits of $5 million at the time of the distribution. Based on these facts, the debentures are treated as section 306 stock unless their distribution is taxable under section 305(b)(5).

Example (4). Individual D is a shareholder in corporation Z. On January 1, 1990, D buys a 20-year, $10,000 subordinated income bond from Z. D transfers $10,000 to Z for the bond, and the bond is treated as stock under $1.385-5 (relating to hybrid instruments). On January 1, 1990, the fair market value of the bond is $8,000. Based on these facts, D has made a contribution of $2,000 to the capital of Z on January 1, 1990, and has paid $8,000 for the bond. See § 1.385-3(a)(1). In addition, because the bond is treated as preferred stock, section 305(c) and § 1.305-5(b) may apply to the $2,000 difference between the purchase price and the redemption price.

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§ 1.385-5 Certain hybrid instruments.

(a) *In general.* A hybrid instrument is treated as stock if, on the day of issue—

(1) The fair market value of the instrument without its equity features is less than

(2) Fifty percent of the actual fair market value of the instrument (with those features).

(b) *Equity features.* The equity features of an instrument are the right to convert it into stock and the right to contingent payments (other than a call premium).

(c) *Special rule.* Paragraph (a) of this section shall be applied by substituting "Forty-five percent" for "Fifty percent" if clear and convincing evidence shows that, on the day of issue, both the issuer and holder reasonably believe that—

(1) The fair market value of the instrument without its equity features is not less than

(2) Fifty percent of the actual fair market value of the instrument (with those features).

(d) *Meaning of terms.* The following rules apply for purposes of the regulations under section 385:

(1) *Contingent payment.* The term "contingent payment" means any payment other than a fixed payment of principal or interest.

(2) *Fixed payments; interest.* An instrument provides for fixed payments of interest if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) Interest at a definitely ascertainable rate is due on definitely ascertainable dates.

(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(5) of this section, the holder's right to receive interest when due (or within 90 days thereafter) cannot be impaired without the holder's consent.

(3) *Fixed payments; principal.* An instrument provides for the fixed payment of principal if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) A definitely ascertainable principal sum is payable on demand or due on definitely ascertainable dates.

(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(5) of this section, the holder's right to receive principal when due cannot be impaired without the holder's consent.

(4) *Definitely ascertainable.* (i) A rate of interest is definitely ascertainable if it is applied to a definitely ascertainably principal sum and if it is—

(A) An invariable rate, or

(B) A variable rate determined according to an external standard that is not subject to the borrower's control and that is not related to the success or failure of the borrower's business or activities.

(ii) A principal sum is definitely ascertainable if it is—

(A) An invariable sum, or

(B) A variable sum determined according to an external standard that is not subject to the borrower's control and that is not related to the success or failure of the borrower's business or activities.

A principal sum is not variable simply because it is within the borrower's control to prepay all or a portion of the principal sum.

(5) *Exceptions.* The classification of a payment as fixed is not affected by the fact that:

(i) The instrument is issued under an indenture that satisfies the requirements of section 316 of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 77ppp);

(ii) A holder's right to receive interest or principal may be impaired by the operation of the Federal bankruptcy laws (Title 11, U.S.C.), the Railroad Modification Act (47 U.S.C. 20b), or a similar provision of law; or

(iii) A holder's right to receive interest or principal may be impaired in the event of the insolvency of the issuing corporation (either in the sense that the corporation is not able to pay its debts as they become due or in the sense that its liabilities exceed its assets).

(6) *Illusory contingencies.* For purposes of this paragraph (d), the Commissioner may disregard a contingency where there is no reasonably foreseeable circumstance in which it could affect the likelihood of payment.

(7) *Certain guarantees.* If—

(i) A payment does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (d) (2) or (3) of this section, but

(ii) The payment is guaranteed (directly or indirectly) by any person, then (depending on the facts and circumstances) the Commissioner may treat the payment as fixed. See example (5) of § 1.385-10(c).

(8) *Examples.* For examples that illustrate the application of this paragraph (d), see paragraph (a) of each of the examples in paragraph (e) of this section.

(9) *Other terms.* (i) For the definition of the term "fair market value", see § 1.385-3(b).

(ii) For the definition of the term "hybrid instrument", see § 1.385-3(e).

(iii) For the definition of the term "instrument", see § 1.385-3(c).

(e) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this section. It is assumed that § 1.385-6 does not apply to the instruments described in these examples.

Example (1). (a) On July 1, 1987, corporation J issues subordinated income debenture bonds in the principal amount of $1,000 each. The bonds pay interest at the rate of 8 percent a year. However, interest is payable only if earned. The bonds are due on December 31, 2006. Based on these facts, each bond provides for a fixed payment of $1,000 in principal on December 31, 2006, but for contingent payments of interest.

(b) Assume that the fair market value of the 8-percent subordinated income debenture bonds is $1,000 each. The bonds without their equity features would be $1,000 noninterest-bearing subordinated debenture bonds due on December 31, 2006. Assume that the fair market value of such instruments would be $261 each. Based on these facts, the subordinated income debenture bonds are treated as stock because the fair market value of each debenture bond without its equity features (*i.e.,* $261) is less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.,* $1,000/2 = $500).

Example (2). (a) On March 1, 1988, corporation M issues 6-percent subordinated income debentures in the principal amount of $1,000 each due on March 1, 2038. Annual payment of interest is mandatory if net income is available and optional otherwise. Accumulated interest must be paid in all events at maturity. Based on these facts, each debenture provides for fixed payments of $1,000 in principal and $3,000 in simple interest on March 1, 2038.

(b) Assume that the fair market value of the 6-percent subordinated income debentures is $1,000 each. The debentures without their equity features would provide for the payment of $4,000 (total principal and interest) on March 1, 2038, and would be subordinated to the general creditors of M. Assume that the fair market value of such instruments would be $265 each. Based on these facts, the income debentures are treated as stock because the fair market value of each income debenture without its equity features (*i.e.,* $265) is less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.,* $1,000/2 = $500).

Example (3). (a) On February 7, 1987, corporation P issues written obligations called "debenture preference stock" in the principal amount of $50 each. The debenture preference stock bears interest at 6 percent a year. In addition, at the discretion of the board of directors of P, the holders of the debenture preference stock may share in the profits of P after a dividend of $6 has been paid on each share of P's common stock. The debenture preference stock matures on December 31, 2017, except that the maturity may be extended from time to time (but in no event beyond December 31, 2037) at the discretion of P's board of directors. Based on these facts, the debenture preference stock provides for fixed payments of interest at a rate of 6 percent and a fixed payment of $50 in principal on December 31, 2037.

(b) Assume that the fair market value of the debenture preference stock is $50 each. The debenture preference stock without its equity features would be 6-percent nonparticipating debentures due on December 31, 2037. Assume that the fair market value of such instruments would be $20.12 each. Based on these facts, the debenture preference stock is treated as stock because its fair market value without equity features (*i.e.,* $20.12) is less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.,* $50/2 = $25).

Example (4). (a) On December 1, 1989, corporation T issues variable interest notes in the principal amount of $1,000 each. The notes pay interest at a rate that may vary between 2 percent and 10 percent, depending on the earnings of T. The board of directors of T may, in its discretion, defer all payments of interest until the notes mature on December 1, 2014, and may subordinate the notes to other debts of T. Based on these facts, each note provides for fixed payments of $1,000 in principal and $500 in interest (*i.e.,* 2 percent x $1,000 x 25 years) on December 1, 2014.

(b) Assume that the fair market value of the variable interest notes is $1,000 each. The notes without their equity features would provide for the payment of $1,500 (total principal and interest) on December 1, 2014, and would be subject to subordination at the discretion of the board of directors of T. Assume that the fair market value of such instruments would be $219 each. Based on these facts, the variable interest notes are treated as stock because the fair market value of each note without its equity features *i.e.,* $219) is less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value *i.e.,* $1,000/2=$500).

Example (5). (a) on April 1, 1984, corporation U issues inflation provision notes in the principal amount of $557,700. The notes pay interest at a fixed rate of 6 percent on a fluctuating maturity value, and are due on April 1, 1994. The maturity value is determined according to the Consumer's Price Index, published monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Based on these facts, the inflation provision notes provide for fixed payments of both principal and interest. See paragraph (d) (4) (i) (A) and (ii) (B) of this section.

(b) The inflation provision notes are treated as indebtedness because they are straight debt instruments.

Example (6). (a) Corporation W owns a tract of land and is building 350 houses there. On August 15, 1985, P lends $300,000 to W pursuant to written agreement. The agreement provides that W will pay $175,000 to P "in lieu of interest," with $500 payable on the sale of each house. In addition, W is obligated to return P's $300,000 investment on demand at any time after December 31, 1990. The loan is secured by the general credit of W, and the written agreement contains appropriate protective provisions. Based on these facts, the written agreement provides for the fixed payment of $300,000 in principal and for contingent payment of $175,000.

(b) Assume that the fair market value of the obligation to P is $300,000. The obligation without its equity features would be a noninterest-bearing note for $300,000 due on December 31, 1990. Assume that the fair market value of such a note would be $170,000. Based on these facts, the obligation to P is treated as indebtedness because its fair market value without equity features (*i.e.,* $170,000) is not less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.,* $300,000/2=$150,000).

Example (7). (a) On May 1, 1982, corporation X issues subordinated debentures due on May 1, 1992, in the principal amount of $1,000 each. Interest is payable annually at the fixed rate of 7 percent a year. Additional interest, which is contingent on the new profits of X, is payable at a maximum rate of 1 percent a year. Default in payment of interest, while not accelerating the maturity of the debenture, gives rise to a cause of action which the debenture holder may maintain against X for nonpayment of interest. Based on these facts, each debenture provides for a fixed $1,000 payment of principal and for fixed payments of interest at the rate of 7 percent a year.

(b) Assume that the fair market value of the subordinated debentures is $1,000 each. The debentures without their equity features would be 7 percent subordinated debentures with no provision for additional interest. Assume that the fair market value of such debentures would be $949 each. Based on these facts, the subordinated debentures issued by X are treated as indebtedness because the fair market value of each debenture without its equity features (*i.e.,* $949) is not less that 50 percent of its actual fair market value *i.e.,* $1,000/2=$500).

Example (8). (a) Corporation Z owns a large tract of land and is engaged in the business of developing, subdividing, and selling the land. On January 25, 1986, Z issues noninterest-bearing debenture bonds having a face value of $500,000 and a maturity date of January 25, 2011. The retirement of the bonds will be secured by the deposit of 10 percent of Z's gross receipts into a special bank account. However, if Z is liquidated after all of its lands have been sold, it will have no further obligation to retire any of the outstanding bonds unless the 10 percent payments have not been made as required. Based on these facts, the bonds do not provide for fixed payments of either principal or interest.

(b) The debenture bonds without their equity features would pay neither principal nor interest. Such instruments would be worthless. Therefore, the debenture bonds are treated as stock.

Example (9). (a) On August 1, 1983, U, an industrial corporation, issues debentures in the principal amount of $1,000 each. The debentures pay interest at a fixed rate of 8 percent, are due on August 1, 1993, and provide for the payment of principal and interest in German marks at the exchange rate in effect on August, 1, 1983. Based on these facts, the debentures provide for fixed payments of both principal and interest. See paragraph (d)(4) (i)(B) and (ii)(B) of this section.

(b) The debentures are treated as indebtedness because they are straight debt instruments.

Example (10). (a) On September 1, 1984, corporation W issues floating rate notes in the principal amount of $100,000. The notes pay interest at 3 percentage points above the prime rate and are due on September 1, 1994. Based on these facts, the floating rate notes provide for fixed payments of both principal and interest. See paragraph (d)(4) (i)(B) and (ii)(A) of this section.

(b) The floating rate notes are treated as indebtedness because they are straight debt instruments.

Example (11). (a) A and B each own 50 percent of the only class of stock of corporation X. In addition to the outstanding stock, X has outstanding debentures held by independent creditors. On January 1, 1988, X redeems all of A's stock in exchange for a 10-year note with a principal amount of $500,000. Under the terms of the note, interest on outstanding principal is payable annually at a rate of 10 percent. Under applicable local law, the note is treated as indebtedness. However, under local law, each payment of principal and interest is subject to the restriction that no payment may be made at a time when the corporation is (or would be rendered) insolvent (*i.e.,* unable to pay its debts as they become due). The insolvency restriction does not affect the classification of the principal or interest payments as fixed payments. See paragraph (d)(5)(iii) of this section. Therefore, the note provides for fixed payments of both principal and interest.

(b) The note is treated as indebtedness because it is a straight debt instrument. The result would be the same if, under local law, payments could not be made when X's liabilities exceeded its assets.

Example (12). (a) The facts are the same as in example (11) except that, under local law, the payments of principal and interest on the note are subject to the additional restriction that each payment can only be made out of X's earned surplus. Based on these facts, the note does not provide for fixed payments of principal or interest.

(b) The note without its equity features would pay neither principal nor interest. Such an instrument would be worthless. Therefore, the note is treated as stock.

Example (13). (a) On January 1, 1990, corporation Y issues 10,000 shares of $100 par value cumulative preferred stock. The preferred stock provides for an $8 dividend, payable annually, and for mandatory redemption beginning on January 1, 1996. Twenty percent of the preferred stock (selected by lot) must be redeemed on January 1 of each of 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000. The redemption price is $100 plus all accrued but unpaid dividends. Annual dividends are payable only out of Y's earned surplus but mandatory redemption payments (including all accrued but unpaid dividends) are payable out of all "legally available funds." Under applicable local law, this means that the preferred stockholders have an absolute right to compel mandatory redemption payments subject to only two restrictions. First, mandatory redemption payments are not permitted if Y is (or would be rendered) insolvent (*i.e.,* not able to pay its debts as they become due). Second, mandatory redemption payments are not permitted if they would impair Y's capital (*i.e.,* if the fair market value of Y's remaining assets would be less than the sum of Y's liabilities and the liquidation value of other classes of preferred stock that are senior or equal in rank). Based on these facts, the preferred stock is treated as an instrument. See example (2) of § 1.385-10(c). Each share of preferred stock provides for fixed payments of $29.60 on January 1, 1996 ($20 redemption payment+($8 dividend×6)/5), $31.20 on January 1, 1997 ($20+($8×7)/5), $32.80 on January 1, 1998 ($20+($8×8)/5), $34.40 on January 1, 1999 (420+($8×9)/5), and $36.00 on January 1, 2000 ($20+($8×10)/5).

(b) Assume that the fair market value of a share of preferred stock is $100. The preferred stock without its equity features would provide for the payment on January 1 of 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000, respectively, of $29.60, $31.20, $32.80, $34.40 and $36. Assume that the fair market value of an instrument providing for such payments would be $66.35. Based on these facts, the preferred stock is treated as indebtedness because the fair market value of each share of preferred stock without its equity features (*i.e.,* $66.35) is not less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.,* $100/2=$50).

Example (14). (a) R is a corporation in the business of purchasing and operating office buildings and other commercial real property. On January 1, 1990, R purchases an office building from unrelated corporation S for a purchase price of $20 million. R pays $5 million in cash and issues a 15 year, 12-percent note for the remaining $15 million of the purchase price. The note is secured by a first mortgage on the office building but is otherwise nonrecourse with respect to R. The fair market value of the office building is $20 million and it is customary under the circumstances for the purchase of the building to be financed on a nonrecourse basis. Based on these facts, the note provides for fixed payments of principal and interest.

(b) The note is treated as indebtedness because it is a straight debt instrument.

(f) *Additional illustrations.* The following examples are additional illustrations of the application of this section. It is assumed that § 1.385-6 does not apply to the instruments described in these examples.

Example (1). On January 1, 1990, corporation M issues 7-percent Series A bonds in the principal amount of $1,000 each. The bonds are due on January 1, 2015, and are secured by the general credit of M. They are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and sold to the public at par. Because the Series A bonds are straight debt instruments, they are treated as indebtedness.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that the instruments issued by M are 9-percent Series B income bonds. Interest is not payable on the Series B income bonds unless earned and is noncumulative. A Series B bond without its equity features would be a $1,000 noninterest-bearing bond. Assume that the fair market value of such a noninterest-bearing bond would be $184. Based on these facts, the Series B income bonds are treated as stock because the fair market value of each bond without its equity features (*i.e.,* $184) is less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.,* $1,000/2=$500).

Example (3). The facts are the same as in example (2), except that the Series B income bonds are due on January 1, 2000. A Series B bond without its equity features would be a $1,000 noninterest-bearing bond due on January 1, 2000. Assume that the fair market value of such a noninterest-bearing bond would be $508. Based on these facts, the Series B income bonds are treated as indebtedness because the fair market value of each bond without its equity features (*i.e.*, $508) is not less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.*, $1,000/2=$500).

Example (*4*). The facts are the same as in example (3), except that the Series B income bonds bear 10-percent interest and are subordinated to the general creditors of M. A Series B bond without its equity features would be a $1,000 subordinated noninterest-bearing bond due on January 1, 2000. Assume that the fair market value of such a subordinated noninterest-bearing bond would be $463. Based on these facts, the Series B income bonds are treated as stock because the fair market value of each bond without its equity features (*i.e.*, $463) is less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.*, $1,000/2=$500).

Example (*5*). The facts are the same as in example (2), except that the Series B income bonds pay 8-percent cumulative interest, and accumulated interest becomes unconditionally due at maturity. A Series B bond without its equity features would be a $1,000 bond paying simple interest at 8 percent, with the interest not due until maturity on January 1, 2015. Assume that the fair market value of such an instrument would be $553. Based on these facts, the Series B income bonds are treated as indebtedness because the fair market value of each bond without its equity features (*i.e.*, $553) is not less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.*, $1,000/2=$500).

Example (*6*). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that the instruments issued by M are 6-percent Series C convertible bonds. Each Series C bond is convertible into two shares of common stock of M. A Series C bond without its equity features would be a $1,000, 6-percent bond due on January 1, 2015. Assume that the fair market value of such a bond would be $883. Based on these facts, the Series C convertible bonds are treated as indebtedness because the fair market value of each bond without its equity features (*i.e.*, $883) is not less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.*, $1,000/2=$500).

Example (*7*). The facts are the same as in example (6), except that the Series C convertible bonds pay 2-percent interest and are convertible into four shares of stock of M. A Series C bond without its equity features would be a $1,000, 2-percent bond due on January 1, 2015. Assume that the fair market value of such a bond would be $417. Based on these facts, the Series C convertible bonds are treated as stock because the fair market value of each bond without its equity features (*i.e.*, $417) is less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.*, $1,000/2=$500).

Example (*8*). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that the instruments issued by M are 7-percent Series D convertible income bonds due on January 1, 2015. The Series D bonds are convertible into two shares of common stock of M, and accumulated interest on the Series D bonds is unconditionally due at maturity. A Series D bond without its equity features would be a $1,000 bond paying simple interest at 7 percent with the interest not due until maturity on January 1, 2015. Assume that the fair market value of such a bond would be $506. Based on these facts, the Series D convertible income bonds are treated as indebtedness because the fair market value of each bond without its equity features (*i.e.*, $506) is not less than 50 percent of its actual fair market value (*i.e.*, $1,000/2=$500).

Example (*9*). The facts are the same as in example (4), except that the Series B income bonds are privately placed with corporation X. In reliance on an independent appraisal, both X and M reasonably believe that the fair market value of the Series B income bonds without their equity features is $510 each. Based on these facts, the Series B income bonds are treated as indebtedness. See paragraph (c) of this section.

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§ 1.385-6 Proportionality.

(a) *In general*—(1) *Scope.* This section applies to a class of instruments if holdings of stock and the instruments are substantially proportionate. This section affects hybrid instruments, instruments not issued for money, instruments that are payable on demand, and certain other instruments where there is a change in terms or a failure to pay principal or interest, or where a corporation's debt-to-equity ratio is excessive.

(2) *Proportionality.* (i) Substantial proportionality is determined from all relevant facts and circumstances, including family or other relationships described in section 318(a).

(ii) Stock constructively owned under section 318(a)(4) (relating to options) is taken into account to the extent it is reasonable to expect, at the time of the determination, that the options may be exercised.

(3) *Exceptions.* (i) This section does not apply if a corporation's stock and instruments are widely held and the

instruments are separately traded and readily marketable.

(ii) This section does not apply to any instrument held by an independent creditor (as defined in § 1.385-6(b)).

(4) *Two classes treated as one.* Depending on the facts and circumstances, two or more classes of instruments may be considered together. For example:

(i) If—

(A) Two or more classes of instruments are issued pursuant to a plan, and

(B) Holdings of stock and the instruments will be substantially proportionate on completion of the plan,

then this section applies to each instrument immediately after it is issued.

(ii) If (regardless of whether issued pursuant to a plan)—

(A) Subsequent to their issuance, two or more classes of instruments are treated as a single class, and

(B) Considered as a single class, holdings of stock and such class are substantially proportionate,

then this section applies to each class beginning at the time of such treatment.

(5) *One class treated as two.* If two portions of a class of instruments are treated differently (*e.g.*, interest is paid on one portion but not on the other), then each portion is treated as a separate class beginning at the time of such treatment.

(6) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (a):

Example (1). A and B each own 50 percent of the stock of corporation X. In addition, A owns 40 percent of a class of debentures issued by X, and B owns the remaining 60 percent. Based on these facts, holdings of the debentures and holdings of stock in X are substantially proportionate, and this section applies to the debentures. The result would be the same if the debentures owned by B were owned by B's spouse.

Example (2). A, B, and C each own 100 shares of common stock in corporation Y. Y has no other stock of any class outstanding. However, Y does have outstanding subordinated 8-percent debentures in the principal amount of $100,000. A owns $40,000 of the debentures, B owns $30,000, C owns $20,000 and an independent creditor owns the remaining $10,000. Based on these facts, holdings of the debentures and holdings of stock in Y are substantially proportionate, and this section applies to the debentures held by A, B and C. However, this section does not apply to the debentures held by the independent creditor.

Example (3). The facts are the same as in example (2), except that A, B, and C each own $10,000 of debentures, and the independent creditor owns $70,000. Based on these facts, the holdings of stock and debentures are not substantially proportionate. Therefore, this section does not apply to the debentures upon their issuance.

Example (4). A, B, and C each own ⅓ of the common stock of corporation Z. Pursuant to a plan, Z issues $100,000 of 10-year, 8-percent debentures to A, $100,000 of 12-year, 8½-percent debentures to B, and $100,000 of 15-year, 9-percent debentures to C. Based on these facts, upon completion of the plan, holdings of the debentures and Z's stock are substantially proportionate. Therefore, this section applies to the debentures.

Example (5). Corporation P owns all the stock of corporations S and T. In addition, S owns 85 percent of a class of debentures issued by T. Based on these facts, holdings of the T stock and debentures are substantially proportionate. Therefore, this section applies to the debentures.

Example (6). Corporation V has more than 100,000 shareholders. On January 1, 1990, V issues $10 of debentures on each share of stock as a dividend. The stock and debentures are traded separately on a national securities exchange. Based on these facts, this section does not apply to the debentures.

Example (7). A and B each own 50 percent of the common stock of corporation W. In addition, W has outstanding $100,000 of 6-percent debentures owned entirely by A. Based on these facts, this section does not apply to the debentures.

Example (8). A owns all 100 shares of stock in corporation Y. A also owns 50 percent of a class of senior debentures issued by Y, and B owns the remaining 50 percent. In addition, B owns all of a class of junior debentures issued by Y, which are convertible into a total of 100 shares of Y stock of the same class as that held by A. Further, it is reasonable to expect that B may ultimately exercise the conversion privilege. Based on these facts, holdings of stock in Y and the senior debentures are treated as substantially proportionate under paragraph (a)(2) of this section. Consequently, this section applies to the senior debentures. However, holdings of Y stock and the junior debentures are not substantially proportionate.

Example (9). A owns all 100 shares of stock of corporation U. In addition, B owns $100,000 of convertible debentures issued by U. The debentures are convertible into 1,000 shares of U's common stock. Assume that it is reasonable to expect that B may ultimately exercise the conversion privilege. Based on these facts, B is treated as owning 1,000 shares of U common stock, and holdings of the convertible debentures and stock in U are substantially proportionate. Therefore, this section applies, and the convertible debentures are treated as stock under paragraph (c) (relating to hybrid instruments).

Example (10). Corporation M is a large manufacturing company whose products are sold through independent dealers. In order to assist individuals who do not have enough capital to become dealers, M has established a dealer investment plan. Pursuant to the dealer investment plan, M and unrelated individual I organize corporation D on January 1, 1982. M transfers $900,000 to D in exchange for 10-percent notes in the principal amount of $500,000 and 400 shares of class A stock. I transfers $100,000 to D in exchange for 1,000 shares of class B stock. The class B stock is nonvoting until all the Class A shares are redeemed for $1,000 each. At least 70 percent of D's earnings and profits must be used each year to retire the notes and to redeem the class A stock. I had no control over the redemption of stock and no right to have his stock redeemed while any of the class A stock is outstanding. M's investment will thus be systematically eliminated, and I will become the sole owner of D. Because the plan is akin to a security arrangement (see example (14) of § 1.305-3(e)), holdings of the stock and notes are not substantially proportionate. Therefore, this section does not apply to the notes. However, for purposes of section 1232 (relating to original issue discount), the issue price of the notes is equal to their fair market value. See § 1.1232-3(b) (2)(ii) (relating to investment units).

Example (11). Corporation S is a small business investment company operating under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 661 and following). Individual J is an electrical engineer. On January 1, 1983, S and J, who are otherwise unrelated, form corporation X to manufacture high technology electrical components. X has a total authorized capital of 2,000 shares of common stock. S transfers $810,000 to X for 9-percent subordinated debentures in the principal amount of $800,000, 100 shares of common stock, and warrants to acquire an additional 900 shares of common stock at $100 a share. J transfers $100,000 to X for 1,000 shares of common stock. Based on these facts, holdings of the stock and debentures are not substantially proportionate. Therefore, this section does not apply to the subordinated debentures. However, for purposes of section 1232 (relating to original issue discount), the issue price of the debentures is equal to their fair market value. See § 1.1232-3(b)(2)(ii) (relating to investment units).

Example (12). Corporation T is a medium-sized supplier of computer software. Individual K is the manager of T's military applications division. On January 1, 1984, K forms corporation Y to acquire the assets of T's military applications division. K transfers $100,000 to Y for all 100 shares of Y's outstanding common stock. In addition, Y obtains financing from the following sources: $2 million from a small business investment company for 8-percent junior subordinated debentures and warrants to acquire 100 shares of common stock, $3 million from an insurance company for 14-percent senior subordinated debentures, and $2,500,000 from a bank for 10-percent secured notes. K is not otherwise related to T, the small business investment company, the insurance company, or the bank. Based on these facts, there is no substantial proportionality between holdings of stock and any class or classes of instruments. Therefore, this section does not apply to any of the instruments. However, for purposes of section 1232 (relating to original issue discount), the issue price of the junior subordinated debentures is equal to their fair market value. See § 1.1232-3(b)(2)(ii) (relating to investment units).

Example (13). A is the sole shareholder of corporation X. On January 1, 1987, X issues $50,000 of Class B debentures to A and $50,000 of Class B debentures to independent creditor K. Based on these facts, holdings of the X stock and the Class B debentures are not substantially proportionate. However, on January 1, 1989, A voluntarily under paragraph (a)(5) of this section, A's debentures are treated as a separate class beginning on January 1, 1989. Thus, they may be treated as stock under paragraph (j) of this section (relating to a change in terms). The result would be the same if, on January 1, 1989, X missed an interest payment due on A's debentures, but made the payment on K's debentures. In this event, A's debentures might be treated as stock under paragraph (k) of this section (relating to nonpayment of interest).

Example (14). (a) A and B each own 50 percent of the stock of corporation Z, a calendar year taxpayer. Pursuant to a plan, Z issues $100,000 of Class A convertible debentures to A on January 1, 1983 and issues $100,000 of Class B convertible debentures to B on January 1, 1985. Based on these facts, the two classes of debentures are considered together. Therefore, holdings of the debentures and the stock are substantially proportionate and each class of debentures is treated as stock upon issuance under section 1.385-6(c) (relating to hybrid instruments issued proportionately).

(b) The facts are the same as in (a) except that the two classes of debentures are not issued pursuant to a plan. Based on these facts, this section does not apply to either class of debentures upon their issuance.

(c) The facts are the same as in (b) except that Z fails to pay interest on the debentures accrued during 1989. Based on these facts, this section applies to the two classes of debentures as of January 1, 1989 and the debentures may be treated as stock under paragraph (k) of this section (relating to nonpayment of interest). See paragraph (a)(4)(ii) of this section.

Example (15). E owns all of the common stock of corporation X. In addition, F (who is unrelated to E) owns all of the preferred stock of X. The preferred stock is an 8-percent nonparticipating, nonconvertible, nonvoting preferred stock. Further, E owns a class of debentures issued by X. Based on these facts, holdings of the X stock and debentures are substantially proportionate, and this section applies to the debentures. However, if F owned all of the debentures, this section would not apply.

(7) *Special rule.* (i) If, pursuant to an agreement or arrangement—

(A) The terms of an instrument issued to a shareholder are not fixed at arm's length or the instrument is not enforced according to its terms, and

(B) There are related, compensating non-arm's length transactions, then the Commissioner may treat holdings of the instrument and the corporation's stock as substantially proportionate.

(ii) The following examples illustrate the application of this subparagraph (7):

Example (1). A and B each own 50 percent of the common stock of corporation X. On January 1, 1985, A lends $500,000 to X in exchange for a 10-year, 10-percent $500,000 note. B is the general manager of X. During 1987, pursuant to an arrangement between A and B, X does not pay the $50,000 of interest on A's note and X pays B $50,000 less compensation than B would be entitled to under B's employment contract with X. Based on these facts, holdings of X's stock and the note will be treated as substantially proportionate. Therefore, this section applies to the note and the note may be reclassified as stock under paragraph (k) of this section (relating to nonpayment of interest).

Example (2). C and D each own 50 percent of the stock of corporation Y. On January 1, 1987, C leases a townhouse to Y for a ten-year term. Y agrees to pay an annual rent of $10,000 and additional rent equal to 20 percent of the net annual rentals from the townhouse. Also on January 1, 1987, as part of the same arrangement, D lends $100,000 to Y in exchange for a 10-year debenture. Ten percent annual interest is payable on the debenture. In addition, the holder of the debenture is entitled to contingent annual interest equal to 20 percent of the net annual rentals from the townhouse. Based on these facts, holdings of the debenture and Y's stock shall be treated as substantially proportionate. Accordingly, the debenture will be treated as stock under paragraph (c) of this section (relating to hybrid instruments issued proportionately).

(b) *Independent creditor*—(1) *In general.* For purposes of the regulations under section 385, all relevant facts and circumstances must be taken into account in determining whether a creditor is independent.

(2) *Safe harbor.* In applying this section to a class of instruments issued by a corporation, a creditor is deemed to be independent if—

(i) Stock owned by the corporation would not be attributed to the creditor under the constructive ownership rules of section 318(a) (as modified by subparagraph (3) of this paragraph (b)), and

(ii) The creditor's holdings of stock and instruments issued by the corporation are not substantially proportionate.

(3) *Constructive ownership.* For purposes of subparagraph (2)(i) of this paragraph (b)—

(i) The constructive ownership rules of section 318(a) shall be applied by substituting "5 percent" for "50 percent" in sections 318(a)(2)(C) and 318(a)(3)(C), and

(ii) In determining whether any person owns 5 percent or more of the stock of a corporation, stock constructively owned by an unrelated person under section 318(a)(4) (relating to options) is not taken into account.

(4) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (b):

Example (1). Individual C owns (actually or under the constructive ownership rules of section 318(a) as modified by paragraph (b)(3) of this section) 5 percent or more in value of the stock of corporation Y. Based on these facts, stock owned by Y is attributed to C under the constructive ownership rules of section 318(a) as modified by paragraph (b)(3) of this section. Consequently, C does not come within the safe harbor of paragraph (b)(2) of this section with respect to instruments issued by Y.

Example (2). Individual A owns all 100 outstanding shares of stock and an option to acquire an additional 1,000 shares of stock in corporation X. Individual B owns an option to acquire 10 shares of stock in X. Applying the constructive ownership rules of section 318(a) as modified by paragraph (b)(3) of this section, B is considered to own 10 out of 110 outstanding shares of stock in X. Therefore, B does not come within the safe harbor of paragraph (b)(2) of this section. The result would be the same if the option owned by B were owned by B's spouse.

Example (3). Corporation Y obtains a $100,000 loan from C, an unrelated commercial bank. As a condition for making a loan, C obtains the right to designate one of Y's directors. Based on these facts, C is an independent creditor of Y.

Example (4). Individual E owns 96 percent of the stock of corporation Z, and individual F owns the remaining 4 percent. In addition, E owns 96.2 percent of a class of debentures issued by Z, and F owns the remaining 3.8 percent. Because F's own holdings of Z stock and debentures are substantially proportionate, F does not come within the safe harbor of paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(c) *Hybrid instruments*—(1) *In general.* If this section applies to a hybrid instrument immediately after it is issued, then the instrument is treated as stock.

(2) *Hybrid instrument.* For the definition of the term "hybrid instrument", see § 1.385-3(e).

(3) *Illustration.* The following example illustrates the application of this paragraph (c):

Example. Corporation X's only outstanding stock is 100 shares of common stock. Individual A owns 50 shares, individual B owns 30 shares, and individual C owns 20 shares. On January 1, 1990, X issues $100,000 of convertible debentures. Sixty thousand dollars of the convertible debentures are issued to A, $25,000 are issued to B, and the remaining $15,000 are issued to C. Based on these facts, the convertible debentures are treated as stock.

(d) *Instruments not issued for money*—(1) *In general.* An instrument issued by a corporation is treated as stock if—

(i) This section applies to the instrument immediately after it is issued,

(ii) The stated annual rate of interest on the instrument is not reasonable (within the meaning of paragraph (e) of this section), and

(iii) The issuance of the instrument does not give rise to original issue discount under section 1232(a)(3) or amortizable bond premium under § 1.61-12(c)(2).

(2) *Special rule.* For purposes of this paragraph (d), the reasonableness of a rate of interest is determined on the day an instrument is issued.

(3) *Exception.* (i) This paragraph (d) does not apply to an instrument that is issued in exchange for an equal or greater principal amount of indebtedness of the issuing corporation if—

(A) An independent creditor holding the outstanding indebtedness would, in the exercise of ordinary diligence, have agreed to the exchange, and

(B) The issuing corporation would, in the exercise of ordinary diligence, have agreed to make the exchange with an independent creditor holding the outstanding indebtedness.

(ii) For purposes of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph (3), the principal amount of indebtedness includes interest accrued but unpaid up until the date of the exchange, but only to the extent that such interest is paid with principal in the exchange.

(4) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (d):

Example (1). J organizes corporation W on December 10, 1985 to operate a distributorship of radios, television sets, and other types of electrical appliances. On the same day, J transfers certain franchises and other assets to W in exchange for all of W's capital stock and $100,000 of 10-year, 9-percent debenture bonds. Assume that on December 10, 1985, 9 percent is not a reasonable rate of interest (within the meaning of paragraph (e) of this section). Based on these facts, the debenture bonds are treated as stock.

Example (2). Corporation X operates a wholesale electrical supply business. In the course of a recapitalization on December 30, 1990, X issues 2,100 Class B debentures to L in exchange for X common stock. Immediately after the recapitalization, L holds 90 percent of the common stock of X. The principal amount of each Class B debenture is $100, and each debenture pays $50 a year in interest. Assume that on December 30, 1990, 50 percent is not a reasonable rate of interest (within the meaning of paragraph (e) of this section). Based on these facts, the Class B debentures issued to L are treated as stock.

Example (3). On January 1, 1987, individuals A, B, and C transfer a tract of undeveloped land and $4,500 in cash to newly formed corporation X. In exchange, each receives 100 shares of stock and a 2-year, 10-percent promissory note for $110,000. Assume that 10 percent is not a reasonable rate of interest (within the meaning of paragraph (e) of this section). Based on these facts, the promissory notes are treated as stock for all purposes of the Internal Revenue Code. In particular, the notes are not treated as "other property" within the meaning of section 351(b). Thus, no gain or loss is recognized on the transfer of the land to X (see section 351), and X's basis in the land is the same as it was in the hands of A, B, and C (see section 362(a)(1)).

Example (4). B is the sole shareholder of corporation Y. On January 1, 1990, Y issues a $30,000, 10-percent note to B in exchange for $30,000. The note is due on January 1, 2000 and is treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a). Interest on the note is paid according to its terms through 1999. During 1999, Y encounters business difficulties. On December 11, 1999, Y issues a new note to B in exchange for the outstanding note. The terms of the new note are identical to those of the outstanding note except that the new note is due on January 1, 2002 and is subordinated to a new bank loan being made at the time of the exchange. Assume that an independent creditor holding the outstanding note would, in the exercise of ordinary diligence, have agreed to exchange the outstanding note for the new note. Assume also that Y would, in the exercise of ordinary diligence, have agreed to the exchange even if the outstanding note were held by an independent creditor. Based on these facts, this paragraph (d) does not apply to the new note. However, the new note is subject to paragraphs (j), (k), and (l) of this section.

(e) *Reasonable rate of interest*—(1) *In general.* The annual rate of interest on an instrument issued by a corporation is reasonable if it is within the normal range of rates paid to independent creditors on similar instruments by corporations of the same general size and in the same general industry, geographic location, and financial condition on the date the determination is made.

(2) *Rule of convenience.* For purposes of the regulations under section 385, an annual rate of interest on an instrument is considered to be reasonable if—

(i) On the date the determination is made, (A) it is equal to the rate in effect under section 6621, the prime rate in effect any local commercial bank, or a rate determined from time to time by the Secretary taking into consideration the average yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturity or (B) it is in between any two of the rates described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (i), and

(ii) At the end of the taxable year in which the determination is made, the debt-to-equity ratio of the issuing corporation is not greater than 1:1.

(3) *Exception.* Paragraph (e)(2) of this section does not apply to an instrument that evidences a nonrecourse liability.

(4) *Local commercial bank.* The term "local commercial bank" includes any commercial bank at which the issuing corporation ordinarily does business.

(5) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (e):

Example (1). Individual A is the sole shareholder of corporation X. On January 1, 1990, A lends $100,000 to X in exchange for a 10-percent note. At about the same time, a local commercial bank lends $100,000 to X in exchange for a 10-percent note with approximately the same terms. The bank loan is personally guaranteed by A. However, the guarantee is required pursuant to the bank's normal lending practice as a substitute for detailed covenants, and the bank loan was made principally on X's credit (and not A's). Based on these facts, 10 percent is a reasonable rate of interest.

Example (2). A is the sole shareholder of corporation X. On July 1, 1989, A lends $100,000 to X in exchange for an 8-year note bearing annual interest at 10 percent. On December 31, 1989, X's debt-to-equity ratio, computed in accordance with the principles of paragraphs (g) and (h) of this section, is 1:1. On July 1, 1989, the section 6621 rate is 12 percent; the prime rate is 14 percent; and the interest rate for 10-year obligations determined by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (e)(2)(i) of this section is 10 percent. Based on these facts, the rate of interest on the note is considered to be reasonable.

(6) *Cross reference.* For circumstances where the Commissioner may disregard a noncommercial term of an instrument in determining a reason-

able interest rate, see § 1.385-3(b)(1)(iii).

(f) *Excessive debt*—(1) *In general.* If, immediately after an instrument is issued by a corporation—

(i) This section applies to the instrument, and

(ii) The corporation's debt is excessive,

then the instrument is treated as stock.

(2) *Excessive debt.* The corporation's debt is "excessive" if (i) all of the instrument's terms and conditions and (ii) the corporation's financial structure, taken together, would not be satisfactory to a bank, insurance company or similar lending institution which makes ordinary commercial loans. For this purpose, the corporation's size, industry, geographic location, and financial condition must be taken into account.

(3) *Safe harbor.* A corporation's debt is not excessive if—

(i) The corporation's outside ratio is less than or equal to 10:1, and

(ii) The corporation's inside ratio is less than or equal to 3:1.

(4) *Ratios.* The corporation's outside ratio is the debt-to-equity ratio determined under paragraphs (g) and (h) of this section. Its inside ratio is determined in the same manner by excluding liabilities to independent creditors (except in computing stockholders' equity). Both ratios are determined at the end of the taxable year in which the instrument is issued.

(5) *Exception.* This paragraph (f) does not apply to instruments issued in exchange for an equal or greater principal amount of indebtedness. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the principal amount of indebtedness includes interest accrued but unpaid up until the date of the exchange, but only to the extent that such interest is paid with principal in the exchange.

(6) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (f):

Example (1). A, a nonresident alien, forms corporation X on December 31, 1982. X uses the calendar year as the taxable year. A transfers $1 million to X on December 31, 1982 for $200,000 of common stock and $800,000 of 22-percent subordinated notes. In addition, X borrows $200,000 from an unrelated commercial bank. Thus, X's inside debt-to-equity ratio (determined under paragraph (f)(4)) of this section) is greater than 3:1 (*i.e.,* $800,000: $200,000=4:1). Assume that a financial institution (such as a commercial bank) which makes ordinary commercial loans normally would lend X a maximum of between 1 and 1½ times A's equity investment under the terms and conditions of the subordinated notes. Assume further, however, that a lender engaged in the business of making high risk loans would lend X four times A's equity investment under the terms and conditions of the subordinate notes. Based on these facts, the subordinated notes are treated as stock.

Example (2). Individual B forms corporation Y on December 31, 1982. Y uses the calendar year as the taxable year. On December 31, 1982, Y acquires rental property from an unrelated third party for $100,000. It obtains the $100,000 from the following sources: $10,000 from B for common stock, $10,000 from C on a second mortgage note, and $80,000 from D on a first mortgage note. Assume that C and D are B's father and mother. Also assume that the terms and conditions of the mortgage notes and Y's financial structure would be satisfactory to financial institutions (such as commercial banks) which make ordinary commercial loans. Based on these facts, the mortgage notes are not treated as stock under this paragraph (f).

(g) *Debt-to-equity ratio.* The following rules apply for purposes of the regulations under section 385:

(1) *In general.* The debt-to-equity ratio of a corporation is the ratio that—

(i) The corporation's liabilities (excluding trade accounts payable, accrued operating expenses and taxes, and other similar items) bears to

(ii) The stockholders' equity.

(2) *Stockholders' equity.* The stockholders' equity in a corporation is the excess of—

(i) The adjusted basis of its assets (less reserves for bad debts, if applicable, and other similar asset offsets) over

(ii) Its liabilities (including liabilities excluded under paragraph (g)(1)(i) of this section).

(3) *Operating rules.* Except as provided in paragraph (g)(5) of this section, the adjusted basis of a corporation's assets and the amount of its liabilities are determined—

(i) In accordance with the tax accounting principles properly used by the corporation in determining taxable income; and

(ii) Without regard to the treatment of any interest as stock or indebtedness by reason of section 385, except that preferred stock is considered a liability if it is treated as indebtedness under the regulations under section 385.

(4) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (g):

Example (1). On December 31, 1990, corporation M has assets with an adjusted basis of $150,000 and liabilities of $100,000. The stockholders' equity in M is $50,000 (*i.e.*, $150,000-$100,000). Assume that M has no trade accounts payable, accrued taxes and operating expenses, etc., and that the special rules in paragraph (g)(5) of this section do not apply. Based on these facts, the debt-to-equity ratio of corporation M on December 31, 1990 is 2:1 (*i.e.*, $100,000:$50,000).

Example (2). On December 31, 1990, corporation N has assets with an adjusted basis of $150,000. In addition, N has liabilities of $100,000, including $30,000 of trade accounts payable, accrued taxes and operating expenses, etc. The stockholders' equity in N is $50,000 (*i.e.*, $150,000-$100,000). Assume that the special rules in paragraph (g)(5) of this section do not apply. Based on these facts, N has a debt-to-equity ratio on December 31, 1990 of 7:5 (*i.e.*, $70,000:$50,000).

Example (3). On December 31, 1981, foreign corporation F organizes domestic corporation D to acquire and operate a coal mine. D uses the calendar year as the taxable year. Assume that F transfers $10 million to D on December 31, 1981, in exchange for $5 million of 28-percent, 25-year debentures and 100 shares of common stock. Also assume that the interest rate generally paid on similar debentures issued to independent creditors by corporations of the same general size and in the same general industry, geographical location, and financial condition is approximately 14 percent and that 28 percent is higher than the 3 rates described in paragraph (e)(2)(i) of this section (relating to the reasonable rate of interest rule of convenience). Based on these facts, the fair market value of the debentures is approximately $9.8 million. Therefore, the balance sheet of D on December 31, 1981 is approximately as follows:

Assets—$10 million cash. Liabilities and stockholders' equity—$5.0 million debentures; $4.8 million bond premium; $9.8 million total liabilities; $0.2 million stockholders' equity=$10.0 million.

Accordingly, D has a debt-to-equity ratio of approximately 49:1 (*i.e.*, $9.8 million:$0.2 million).

(5) *Special rules.* (i) In the case of a corporation that uses the cash method of accounting, the adjusted basis of trade accounts receivable shall be deemed to be equal to the face amount of the receivables (less an appropriate reserve for uncollectibles).

(ii) (A) In determining the debt-to-equity ratio of a corporation at the end of a taxable year, the stockholders' equity shall be increased by the amount of any net operating loss (determined without regard to sections 1211(a) and 1212) sustained by the corporation during the taxable year.

(B) The following example illustrates the application of this subdivision (ii):

Example. On January 1, 1985, individual A organizes corporation T and transfers $100,000 to it for $50,000 of stock and a $50,000 note. At the end of T's first taxable year, T has assets with an adjusted basis of $120,000 and liabilities of $80,000, including $30,000 of trade accounts payable, accrued taxes and operating expenses, etc. T also has a net operating loss (determined without regard to sections 1211(a) and 1212) for the taxable year of $10,000. Based on these facts, T's stockholders' equity at the end of the taxable year is $50,000 (*i.e.*, ($120,000-$80,000)+$10,000). Consequently, T's debt-to-equity ratio is 1:1 (*i.e.*, $50,000:$50,000).

(iii) In determining the debt-to-equity ratio of a corporation that is a bank (as defined in section 581) or is primarily engaged in a lending or finance business (as defined in section 279(c)(5)), adjustments shall be made in accordance with the principles of section 279(c)(5)(A).

(iv) In determining the debt-to-equity ratio of an insurance company (as defined in § 1.801-1(b)), insurance reserves shall be treated in the same manner as trade accounts payable.

(v) A liability is treated in the same manner as a trade account payable if it is—

(A) Incurred under a commercial financing agreement (such as an automobile "floorplan" agreement) to buy an item of inventory,

(B) Secured by the item, and

(C) Due on (or before) sale of the item.

(vi) (A) The debt-to-equity ratio shall be computed without regard to distortions created by a temporary contribution to equity or any similar contrivance.

(B) The following example illustrates the application of this subdivision (vi):

Example. Individual A organizes corporation X on December 31, 1985. X uses the calendar year as the taxable year. A contributes $100,000 in cash and property with a basis of $20,000 to X in exchange for 1,000 shares of common stock and a 10-percent note worth $20,000. On January 4, 1986, X redeems 900 shares of stock for $90,000 in cash. Based on these facts, X's debt-to-equity ratio on December 31, 1985 is determined by not treating the $90,000 paid in redemption of stock on January 4, 1986 as an asset of X. Therefore, the debt-to-equity ratio is 2:1 (*i.e.*, $20,000: $10,000).

(h) *Affiliated groups*—(1) *In general.* For purposes of the regulations under section 385, the debt-to-equity ratio of a member of an affiliated group of corporations (within the meaning of section 279(g)) is determined in accordance with paragraph (g) of this section and this subparagraph (1). If one includible corporation ("X") owns stock in another includible corporation ("Y"), then X's debt-to-equity ratio is determined as follows:

(i) X is treated as having a ratable share of Y's assets and liabilities. This ratable share is determined by dividing—

(A) The fair market value of the Y stock owned by X, by

(B) The fair market value of all of Y's stock.

(ii) X's investments in Y and Y's liabilities to X are eliminated. In addition, any other duplication in the amount of X's money and other assets and liabilities resulting from the application of this subparagraph (1) (for example, resulting from Y's ownership of stock in X) is eliminated.

(2) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (h):

Example (1). Corporations P and S-1 comprise an affiliated group, P owning all the stock of S-1. On December 31, 1985, P's only asset is stock in S-1, and P has no liabilities. In addition, S-1 has assets with an adjusted basis of $200,000 and liabilities of $150,000. Assume that S-1 has no trade accounts payable, accrued taxes and operating expenses, etc. and that the special rules in paragraph (g)(5) of this section do not apply. Based on these facts, P is treated as having assets with an adjusted basis of $200,000 and liabilities of $150,000. Therefore, P's debt-to-equity ratio is 3:1 (*i.e.*, $150,000:$50,000).

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that S-1's liabilities include a $50,000 note payable to P, and P's assets consist of this note and the S-1 stock. Eliminating this note, S-1's liabilities are only $100,000. Based on these facts, P is treated as having liabilities of $100,000 and assets with an adjusted basis of $200,000. Therefore, P's debt-to-ratio is 1:1 (*i.e.*, $100,000:$100,000).

Example (3). (a) The facts are the same as in example (1), except that S-1's assets include 80 percent of the one class of stock of corporation S-2, which also is a member of the affiliated group. S-1's adjusted basis in the stock of S-2 is $15,000. In addition, S-2 has assets with an adjusted basis of $50,000 and no liabilities.

(b) Based on these facts, S-1 is treated as having $40,000 (*i.e.*, 80 percent of $50,000) of S-2's assets instead of the S-2 stock. Therefore, S-1 is treated as having assets with an adjusted basis of $225,000 and liabilities of $150,000. Thus, S-1's debt-to-equity ratio is 2:1 (*i.e.*, $150,000:$75,000).

(i) [Reserved]

(j) *Change in terms*—(1) *In general.* If—

(i) The holder agrees to postpone the maturity date or otherwise to make a substantial change in the terms of an instrument,

(ii) The instrument is treated as indebtedness under the regulations under section 385, and

(iii) This section applies to the instrument on the day of agreement,

then (for purposes of the regulations under section 385) the instrument is treated as newly issued in exchange for property on the day of agreement. Thus, beginning on the day of agreement the instrument may be treated as stock under paragraph (c) of this section (relating to hybrid instruments), paragraph (d) of this section (relating to certain instruments not issued for money), paragraph (f) of this section (relating to excessive debt), or paragraph (l) of this section (relating to instruments payable on demand). However, the exceptions to paragraphs (d) and (f) of this section may apply to the constructive exchange. See paragraphs (d)(3) and (f)(5) of this section.

(2) *Substantial.* For purposes of this paragraph (j), each change in the terms of an instrument is substantial if the fair market value of the instrument could be materially affected by that change. Thus, for example, subordination (however effected) or a change in interest rate is ordinarily a substantial change. On the other hand, a mere substitution of collateral need not be a substantial change. In addition, prepayment will not be considered a substantial change in terms.

(3) *Day of agreement.* For purposes of this paragraph (j), the "day of agreement" is the day the issuer and the holder enter into a binding contract to change the terms of an instrument.

(4) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (j):

Example (1). A is the sole shareholder of corporation X. On January 1, 1990, X issues a $10,000, 9-percent note to A for $10,000 in cash. The note is due on January 1, 2000, and is treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a). However, on December 10, 1995, A and X agree to extend the maturity of the note until January 1, 2015. Assume that under the terms of the agreement the note will continue to pay 9-percent interest, and that on December 10, 1995, 9-percent is not a reasonable rate of interest (within the meaning of paragraph (e) of this section) for a note due on January 1, 2015. Also assume that an independent creditor holding the note would not, in the exercise of ordinary diligence, have agreed to the extension of maturity and that, therefore, the exception of paragraph (d)(3) of this section is not applicable. Based on these facts, the note would be treated as stock under paragraph (d) of this section if it were newly issued in exchange for property on December 10, 1995. Therefore, the note is reclassified as stock on December 10, 1995.

Example (2). A is the sole shareholder of corporation X. X issues a $20,000, 10-percent note to A for $20,000 in cash on January 1, 2005. The note is due on January 1, 2007, and is treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a). On December 10, 2005, A and X agree to extend the maturity of the note until January 1, 2037, and to increase the interest rate from 10 to 11 percent. For purposes of this paragraph (j), both changes in terms made on December 10, 2005 are substantial because both could materially affect the fair market value of the note. The result is the same even if the two changes are mutually offsetting in the sense that, taken together, they have no material effect on the fair market value of the note.

Example (3). B is the sole shareholder of corporation Y. On January 1, 1990, Y issues a $30,000, 10-percent note to B in exchange for $30,000. The note is due on January 1, 2000 and is treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a). Interest on the note is paid according to its terms through 1999. During 1999, Y encounters business difficulties. On December 11, 1999, B agrees to extend the note until January 1, 2002 and also agrees to subordinate the note to a new bank loan being made at this time. Based on these facts, the note is treated (for purposes of the regulations under section 385) as newly issued in exchange for an equal principal amount of indebtedness. Assume that an independent creditor holding the note would, in the exercise of ordinary diligence, have agreed to both the extension of maturity and the subordination to the new bank loan. Assume also that Y would, in the exercise of ordinary diligence, have agreed to the extension and the subordination even if the note were held by an independent creditor. Based on these additional facts, the note continues to be treated as indebtedness notwithstanding the extension of maturity and the subordination to the new bank loan. See paragraph (d)(3) and example (4) of paragraph (d)(4) of this section. However, the note continues to be subject to this paragraph (j) and to paragraphs (k) and (l) of this section.

(k) *Nonpayment of interests*—(1) *In general.* If—

(i) A corporation fails to pay all or part of the interest due and payable on an instrument during a taxable year,

(ii) This section applies to the instrument on the last day of the taxable year, and

(iii) The owner of the instrument fails to exercise the ordinary diligence of an independent creditor,

then the instrument is treated as stock beginning on the later of the first day of the taxable year during which the failure to pay occurs or the first day on which this section applied to the instrument.

(2) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of paragraph (k)(1) of this section:

Example (1). N is the sole shareholder of corporation Y. On January 1, 1986, Y issues $100,000 of 10-year, 10-percent debentures. Eightly thousand dollars of the debentures are issued to N and are treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a). The remaining debentures are issued to independent creditors. Y pays all interest accrued on the debentures semiannually until 1991. Because of adverse business conditions, Y does not pay the interest accrued in 1991 on either the debentures held by N or the debentures held by the independent creditors. Both N and the independent creditors decide not to bring suit against Y in the hope that conditions will improve and that Y will be able to meet its obligations. Based on these facts, the debentures held by N continue to be treated as indebtedness because N has not failed to exercise the ordinary diligence of an independent creditor.

Example (2). (a) M is the sole shareholder of X, a corporation that uses the calendar year as the taxable year. On January 1, 1985, X issues $100,000 of 10-year, 9-percent debentures. Ten thousand dollars of the debentures are issued to M and are treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a). The remaining debentures are issued to independent creditors. X pays all interest accrued on the debentures semiannually until 1990. Because of adverse business conditions, X does not pay the interest accrued in 1990 on the debentures held by M. However, X continues to pay interest on the debentures held by the independent creditors. Based on these facts, the debentures held by M are treated as a separate class of instruments beginning on January 1, 1990. See paragraph (a)(5) of this section. Since the debentures held by M are treated as a separate class of instruments, the holdings of M's debentures and the stock of X are substantially proportionate as of January 1, 1990.

(b) M has failed to take the steps that a reasonably diligent independent creditor would take to secure payment of interest. Based on these facts, the debentures held by M are treated as stock beginning on January 1, 1990. However, the debentures held by the independent creditors are not affected.

Example (3). L owns 80 percent of the stock of Z, a corporation that uses the calendar year as the taxable year. On January 1, 1985, Z issues $200,000 of 10-year, 10-percent unsecured notes to L. Z pays all interest accrued on the notes semiannually until 1990. Because of adverse business conditions, Z does not pay the interest accrued in 1990 on the notes. On February 1, 1991, L agrees to postpone $10,000 of the interest accrued in 1990 until the notes mature on January 1, 1995. In addition, Z agrees to pledge certain collateral as security for the debentures. Taking into account Z's prior record of paying all interest accrued until 1990, the pledge of collateral, and all other relevant facts and circumstances, it is assumed that L has exercised the ordinary diligence of an independent creditor. Based on these facts, the notes continue to be treated as indebtedness.

(3) *Failure to pay.* For purposes of this section, a corporation fails to pay interest on an instrument during a taxable year of the corporation if the interest is not actually paid within 90 days after the end of the year. For this purpose, payment of interest with property other than money will be considered actual payment, but only to the extent of the fair market value of such property. For example, payment of interest with a note will be considered actual payment, but only to the extent of the fair market value of the note.

(4) *Special rule.* (i) For purposes of this paragraph (k), interest accrued while this section does not apply to the instrument is disregarded.

(ii) The following example illustrates the application of this subparagraph (4):

Example. Individual A owns all the stock of X, a corporation that uses the calendar year as the taxable year. On January 1, 1982, X issues $10,000 of 8-percent debentures to B, an independent creditor. The debentures are treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a) (relating to instruments generally). Interest on the debentures is payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1 of each year. X fails to make the $400 payment of interest due on July 1, 1986, and A then buys the debentures from B. X actually pays the $400 interest due on January 1, 1987, but A forgives the $400 payment that was due on July 1, 1986. Based on these facts, the debentures are not treated as stock under this paragraph (k). There is no requirement that interest accrued while B held the debentures must be paid. However, X may have income under § 1.61-12(a) (relating to discharge of indebtedness).

(l) *Payable on demand*—(1) *Initial classification.* If immediately after it is issued—

(i) This section applies to an instrument,

(ii) By its terms, the instrument is payable on demand, and

(iii) The stated annual rate of interest on the instrument is not reasonable (within the meaning of paragraph (e) of this section),

then the instrument is treated as stock.

(2) *Reclassification.* If for any taxable year (or portion thereof)—

(i) Either by its terms or by operation of paragraph (l)(3) of this section, an instrument is payable on demand,

(ii) This section applies to the instrument, and

(iii) The issuing corporation fails to pay interest on the instrument at a reasonable rate,

then the instrument is treated as stock beginning on the first day of that taxable year (or portion thereof). For purposes of this subparagraph (2), a rate of interest is considered reasonable if it is reasonable (within the meaning of paragraph (e) of this section) as of any day of the taxable year.

(3) *Nonpayment of principal.* If—

(i) The issuing corporation fails to make a scheduled payment of principal on an instrument within 90 days after the payment is due, and

(ii) The holder of the instrument fails to exercise the ordinary diligence of an independent creditor,

then, for purposes of this paragraph (l), the instrument is considered to be payable on demand beginning on the day after the day the principal is due.

(4) *Exceptions.* (i) This paragraph (l) does not apply to an instrument that is actually retired within 6 months after the day of issue provided that the sum of—

(A) The outstanding principal amount of all such instruments, plus

(B) The outstanding balance of all loans described in § 1.385-7(a)(2)(i),

does not exceed $25,000 on the day of issue. For this purpose, an instrument is not considered to be actually retired if it is reissued, renewed, or offset in any manner.

(ii) (A) If a failure to pay interest on an instrument at a reasonable rate results solely from a failure to pay interest when due, then paragraph (l)(2) of this section does not apply. See, however, paragraph (k) of this section (relating to nonpayment of interest when due).

(B) The following example illustrates the application of this subdivision (ii):

Example. Individual A owns 100 percent of the stock of corporation X. On January 1, 1990, X issues a 14-percent demand note to A. X uses the calendar year as its taxable year. Assume that 14 percent is a reasonable rate of interest (within the meaning of paragraph (e) of this section) on January 1, 1990, but that X fails to pay any part of the interest due on the note for the taxable year 1990. Based on these facts, paragraph (l)(2) of this section does not apply. However, if A has failed to exercise the ordinary diligence of an independent creditor, the note will be treated as stock under paragraph (k) of this section.

(5) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this paragraph (l) and related provisions:

Example (1). J and N operate a partnership that distributes beer. On April 1, 1989, J and N organize corporation T and transfer the assets of the partnership to the corporation. In exchange for the assets of the partnership, J and N each receive half of the common stock of T and an 8-percent demand note for $45,000. Assume that 8 percent is not a reasonable rate of interest (within the meaning of paragraph (e) of this section) on any day during 1989. Based on these facts, the demand notes are treated as stock.

Example (2). On August 24, 1986, F organizes corporation G to own and operate an outdoor amusement business. G uses the calendar year as its taxable year. On August 25, 1986, F transfers trucking equipment, mechanical rides, and other assets to G in exchange for all the capital stock of G and a 6-percent note for $200,000. The note is due on August 25, 1990, and is classified as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a). However, G does not pay the principal within 90 days after it is due, and F does not pursue such payment with the ordinary diligence of an independent creditor. Based on these facts, beginning on August 26, 1990, the note is considered to be payable on demand. Assume that during 1990 the lowest reasonable rate of interest on a demand note issued by G (taking into account the financial condition of G) is 12 percent a year, and that under applicable local law the note continues to pay 6 percent interest after maturity. Based on these facts, the note is treated as stock on August 26, 1990.

Example (3). The facts are the same as in example (2) except that G agrees to pay 12-percent interest on the note. In addition, assume that 12 percent is a reasonable rate of interest on August 26, 1990. Based on these facts, the note is not treated as stock under this paragraph (l).

Example (4). The facts are the same as in example (3), except that G issues a 12-percent demand note for $200,000 to F in payment for the 6-percent note due on August 25, 1990. Based on these facts, the 6-percent note is not treated as stock. In addition, the 12-percent note may be treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a).

(m) *Meaning of terms*—(1) *Debt-to-equity ratio.* For the definition of the term "debt-to-equity ratio", see paragraphs (g) and (h) of this section.

(2) *Failure to pay.* For the definition of the term "failure to pay," see paragraph (k)(3) of this section.

(3) *Fair market value.* For the definition of the term "fair market value", see § 1.385-3(b).

(4) *Instrument.* For the definition of the term "instrument", see § 1.385-3(c).

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§ 1.385-7 Certain other obligations.

(a) *Scope*—(1) *In general.* This section applies to any loan of money (*e.g.*, a cash advance) made to a corporation unless—

(i) The loan is made by an independent creditor (within the meaning of § 1.385-6(b)), or

(ii) The loan is evidenced by an instrument within six months after the day the loan is made.

(For treatment of the instrument as stock or indebtedness, see §§ 1.385-4 through 1.385-6).

(2) *Exception.* (i) This section does not apply to a loan repaid within six months after the day it is made but only to the extent that the outstanding balance of such loan, reduced by the outstanding balance of prior qualifying loans, does not exceed $25,000. For this purpose, a prior loan is "qualifying" if—

(A) It is described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, and

(B) This section does not apply to the prior loan by reason of this paragraph (a)(2).

(ii) For purposes of paragraph (a)(2)(i)(A) of this section, a loan is not considered to be actually repaid if it is renewed or offset in any manner.

(b) *Initial classification*—(1) *In general.* Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, a loan to which this section applies is treated as indebtedness.

(2) *Exception.* A loan to which this section applies is treated as a contribution to capital if the debtor corporation has excessive debt when the loan is made (under the principles of § 1.385-6 (f)).

(c) *Reclassification*—(1) *In general.* If a loan is treated as indebtedness under paragraph (b)(1) of this section and if the debtor corporation fails to pay interest on the loan at a reasonable rate during any taxable year, then the loan is reclassified as a contribution to capital as of the later of the first day of the taxable year or the date of the loan. For purposes of this subparagraph (1), a rate is considered reasonable if it is reasonable (under the principles of § 1.385-6(e)) as of any day of the taxable year.

(2) *Special rule.* For purposes of paragraph (c)(1) of this section, a corporation is not considered to pay interest on a loan during a taxable year unless the interest is actually paid within 90 days after the end of the year. For this purpose, payment of interest with property other than money will be considered actual payment, but only to the extent of the fair market value of such property. For example, payment of interest with a note will be considered actual payment, but only to the extent of the fair market value of the note.

(d) *Effect of this section*—(1) *Initial classification.* If a loan is treated as a contribution to captial under paragraph (b)(2) of this section, then all payments of principal and interest on the loan are treated as distributions to which section 301 applies.

(2) *Reclassification.* If a loan is reclassified as a contribution to capital under paragraph (c) of this section, then all payments of principal and interest made on the loan after the beginning of the year of reclassification are treated as distributions to which section 301 applies. In addition, once a loan is reclassified under paragraph (c) of this section, its status as a contribution to capital can never change.

(e) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this section:

Example (1). Corporation M uses the calendar year as the taxable year. A is the sole shareholder of M. On March 1, 1968, A advances $73,000 to M, and M establishes an account payable to A in the amount of

$73,000. The account payable is entered on the books of M but is not evidenced by an instrument. The account payable is not repaid within six months. In addition, M has excessive debt within the meaning of § 1.385-6(f). Based on these facts, the account payable is classified as a contribution to capital.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that M does not have excessive debt. The account payable is classified as indebtedness. However, if M fails to pay (before April 1, 1987) interest at a reasonable rate on the account payable for the last 10 months of 1986, the account payable will be reclassifed as a contribution to capital (effective retroactively to March 1, 1986).

Example (3). Corporation X, which has excessive debt, uses the calendar year as the taxable year. On January 1, 1985, X's sole shareholder advances $60,000 to X. The advance is entered on the books of X but is not evidenced by an instrument. X repays $40,000 of the advance on April 1, 1985 and the remaining $20,000 on October 1, 1985. Based on these facts, this section does not apply to $25,000 of the advance that was repaid on April 1, 1985. The remaining $35,000 is treated as a contribution to capital. Therefore, $15,000 of the amount repaid on April 1 and the entire $20,000 repaid on October 1, are treated as distributions to which section 301 applies.

Example (4). (a) Corporation Y, which has excessive debt, uses the calendar year as the taxable year. A is the sole shareholder of Y. On January 1, 1990, A advances $100,000 to Y. Y repays the advance on August 1, 1990. Based on these facts, the $100,000 advance is treated as a contribution to capital.

(b) On June 1, 1990, A advances an additional $20,000 to Y. The $20,000 advance is also repaid on August 1, 1990. Based on these facts, this section does not apply to the advance of $20,000.

(c) On July 1, 1990, A advances another $10,000 to Y. The $10,000 advance is repaid on July 15, 1990. The $20,000 advance described in (b) is a prior qualifying loan with respect to the $10,000 advance (although this cannot be determined until August 1, 1990). Therefore, this section does not apply to $5,000 (*i.e.,* $25,000-$20,000) of the advance made on July 1, 1990. However, the remaining $5,000 of this advance is treated as a contribution to capital.

Example (5). Corporations S and T are wholly-owned subsidiaries of corporation P. On January 1, 1990, S makes a non-interest bearing advance of $50,000 to T. The advance is entered on the books of T but it is not evidenced by an instrument and it is not repaid within 6 months. Based on these facts, S is treated as distributing $50,000 to P, and P is then treated as contributing this amount to the capital of T.

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§ 1.385-8 Locked interests.

(a) *In general.* For purposes of the regulations under section 385, two or more distinct interests in a corporation are treated as separate even though title to one cannot be transferred without transferring title to the others. Thus, for example, if a corporation issues a bond with a nondetachable warrant, the bond and the warrant are treated as two separate interests in the corporation.

(b) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this section:

Example (1). On January 1, 1989, corporation X issues 20-year, $1,000 debentures with nondetachable warrants. Each warrant entitles the holder to buy 100 shares of common stock in X for $10 a share. Based on these facts, the debentures and the warrants are treated as separate interests.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that each debenture can be surrendered on the exercise of a warrant in lieu of cash. The result is the same as in example (1).

Example (3). On January 1, 1990, corporation Y issues a 25-year, $1,000 debenture to individual A for $1,000 in cash. Y has no other debentures outstanding. The debenture pays interest at a rate of $100 a year; $50 is payable in all events and the other $50 is noncumulative and payable only if earned. Individual A owns 80 percent of the stock in Y, and the fair market value of the debenture is $1,000. Based on these facts, the debenture is treated as stock under § 1.385-6(c) (relating to hybrid instruments held proportionately).

Example (4). The facts are the same as in example (3), except that Y issues a $600 debenture together with four shares of preferred stock to A. The debenture pays fixed interest of $50 a year and has a fair market value of $600. Each share of preferred stock has a liquidation value of $100 and pays a noncumulative dividend of $12.50 a year if earned. In addition, Y is required to redeem the preferred stock at $100 a share at the end of 25 years. Assume that § 1.385-6(f) (relating to excessive debt) does not apply to the debenture. Based on these facts, the debenture is treated as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a). The result is the same even if A cannot transfer title to the debenture without also transferring title to the preferred stock.

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§ 1.385-9 Guaranteed loans.

(a) *In general.* If—

(1) A shareholder in a corporation guarantees a loan made to the corporation (either directly or indirectly, *e.g.*, by pledging collateral), and

(2) Under relevant legal principles (applied without reference to the regulations under section 385), the loan is treated as made to the shareholder, then the shareholder is treated as making a contribution to the capital of the corporation.

(b) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this section:

Example (1). On September 25, 1982, J organizes corporation N and acquires all of its capital stock. In addition, J guarantees a note for $600,000 issued by N on September 28, 1982. Assume that under the principles of *Plantation Patterns, Inc.* v. *Commissioner,* 462 F. 2d 712 (5th Cir. 1972), cert. denied, 409 U.S. 1076 (1972), aff'g T.C. Memo. Dec. 1970-82 (1970), and other relevant case law, the note is properly treated as an obligation of J. Based on these facts, J is treated as making a $600,000 contribution to the capital of N.

Example (2). The facts are the same as in example (1). In addition, N pays $33,000 in interest and $100,000 in principal on the note on September 28, 1983. The total $133,000 in payments is treated as a distribution from N to J to which section 301 applies. Thus, N is not allowed a deduction for interest paid under section 163. However, J is allowed a deduction of $33,000 for interest paid.

Example (3). The facts are the same as in example (1). In addition, N defaults and J is required to pay $500,000 in principal on the note. Because J is treated as the primary obligor on the note (and not merely as a guarantor), the $500,000 payment will in no circumstances be treated as a loss from a loan or as a contribution to the capital of N.

Example (4). The facts are the same as in example (1), except that J does not guarantee the note issued by N until September 28, 1983. Assume that this note is properly treated as an obligation of J beginning on September 28, 1983. Also assume that on that date a principal balance of $400,000 is due on the note. Based on these facts, J is treated as making a $400,000 contribution to the capital of N on September 28, 1983.

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§ 1.385-10 Certain preferred stock.

(a) *In general.* Preferred stock is treated as stock if it does not provide for fixed payments (as defined in § 1.385-5 (d)) in the nature of either principal or interest. On the other hand, preferred stock is treated as an instrument if it provides for fixed payments in the nature of principal or interest. Accordingly, preferred stock treated as an instrument is classified as indebtedness under § 1.385-4(a) (relating to instruments generally) unless it is classified as stock under § 1.385-5 (relating to hybrid instruments) or § 1.365-6 (relating to proportionality). See example (13) of § 1.385-5(e).

(b) *Rule of convenience.* Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, preferred stock is treated as stock (and not as an instrument) if it satisfies each of the following conditions:

(1) The preferred stock is denominated preferred stock and is treated as preferred stock under applicable nontax law.

(2) The excess (if any) of the preferred stock's redemption price over its issue price is a reasonable redemption premium under § 1.305-5.

(3) Current dividends on the preferred stock are contingent (*e.g.*, payable only out of earned surplus or only at the board of directors' discretion).

(4) The right to receive dividend payments and payments in redemption of the preferred stock may not be enforced under applicable nontax law if either (i) the issuing corporation is insolvent or would be rendered insolvent by such payments or (ii) the making of such payments would impair the issuing corporation's capital (*i.e.*, the fair market value of the remaining assets of the issuing corporation would be less than the sum of its liabilities and the liquidation value of its other classes of preferred stock that are senior or equal in rank).

(5) Default in the making of a dividend payment or a payment in redemption of the preferred stock does not entitle the holder to accelerate redemption payments.

(6) The preferred stock has a term (during which the holder cannot compel redemption) of at least 10 years. In the case of an issue of preferred stock which provides for redemption over a period of years, the term shall be the weighted average life of the issue.

(c) *Illustrations.* The following examples illustrate the application of this section:

Example (1). On August 8, 1985, corporation D issues 500 shares of $100 par value, 6-percent preferred stock. Dividends on the preferred stock are cumulative, and D may not pay dividends on its common stock or repurchase shares of common stock so long as dividends on the preferred stock are in arrears. However, dividends on the preferred stock are payable only if declared by D's board of directors. In addition, the preferred stock is callable after August 8, 1990 for $100 a share at the discretion of D's board of directors. Thus, the holders of the preferred stock cannot compel D to redeem or purchase the stock. Based on these facts the preferred stock does not provide for fixed payments in the nature of principal or interest. Therefore, the preferred stock is treated as stock.

Example (2). On February 2, 1984, corporation E issues 500 shares of cumulative Class A sinking fund preferred stock. The Class A preferred stock provides for quarterly dividends, payable out of E's earnings, and for sinking fund payments, which must be used by E to redeem the preferred stock on specified dates. The weighted average life of the preferred stock issue is less than 10 years. Under E's articles of incorporation, sinking fund payments must be made out of all "legally available funds." Under applicable local law, this means that the preferred stockholders have an absolute right to compel the sinking fund payments subject to only two restrictions. First, sinking fund payments are not permitted if E is insolvent (i.e., not able to pay its debts as they become due) or would be rendered insolvent by the payment. Second, sinking fund payments are not permitted if they would impair E's capital. The first restriction is not a contingency that prevents the payments from being considered fixed. See § 1.385-5(d)(5)(iii). The second restriction is, in effect, a subordination provision in that it merely prevents preferential treatment of the Class A preferred stock over equal or more senior issues of preferred stock. Based on these facts, the Class A preferred stock provides for fixed payments in the nature of principal. Therefore, the Class A preferred stock is treated as an instrument. Assuming that sinking fund payments must include all accrued and unpaid dividends, the Class A preferred stock also provides for fixed payments in the nature of interest. For this purpose, the dividends are considered to be fixed at the time they become part of a sinking fund payment. See example (13) of § 1.385-5(e).

Example (3). The facts are the same as in example (2) except that the weighted average life of the preferred stock issue is more than 10 years. Additionally, the preferred stock is treated as preferred stock under applicable nontax law; the issue price of the preferred stock is equal to its redemption price; and default in the making of a dividend payment does not entitle the holders of the preferred stock to accelerate sinking fund payments. Based on these facts, the Class A preferred stock is treated as stock under paragraph (b) of this section. The result would be the same if, under applicable local law, E would be considered insolvent (and therefore sinking fund payments would not be permitted) if its liabilities exceeded its assets (rather than if E were not able to pay its debts as they became due).

Example (4). F is a large, stable, and consistently profitable corporation. On March 21, 1985, F issues 50,000 shares of $100 par value, 9-percent sinking fund preferred stock. Dividends and sinking fund payments, which begin five years after issuance, are mandatory to the extent of retained earnings. In addition, dividends are cumulative, but they are payable only out of retained earnings. Based on these facts, the preferred stock does not provide for fixed payments in the nature of either principal or interest. Therefore, the preferred stock is treated as stock.

Example (5). The facts are the same as in example (1). In addition, corporation G, which owns all the common stock of D, unconditionally guarantees timely payment of all dividends on the preferred stock. Further, G guarantees that the preferred stock will be called for redemption by August 8, 2005. Based on these facts, the preferred stock is treated as an instrument. See § 1.385-5(d)(7).

Example (6). H, a closely-held corporation, issues 1,000 shares of $100 par value, 12-percent preferred stock on January 1, 1984. Dividends are cumulative but are payable only out of earned surplus. The preferred stock is subject to mandatory redemption after 9 years at a redemption price of $100 per share plus accrued but unpaid dividends. However, the accrued but unpaid dividends are payable, upon redemption, only out of earned surplus plus unrealized appreciation of H's assets (but not out of capital or capital surplus). Based on these facts, the preferred stock does not provide for fixed payments in the nature of interest but does provide for fixed payments in the nature of principal. Therefore, the preferred stock is treated as an instrument.

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